

PLACEMAKING AND DESIGN (PMD)

POLICY PMD1

SUSTAINABILITY

- 1.1 The Climate Change (Emissions Reductions Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019 creates a statutory framework for delivery of greenhouse gas emissions reductions in Scotland. The Act sets out ambitious targets to reduce emissions and the Local Development Plan has a key role to play by helping encourage the reduction of building and transport related emissions, encouraging the use of renewable energy sources and sustainable development.
- 1.2 The Council is committed to embedding sustainable development within its strategies, policies and service delivery. The Council pledges to implement the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as they relate to local government. This commitment recognises the increasing urgency that we live and use resources in ways which does not compromise the quality of life of future generations.
- 1.3 The aim of this policy is to encourage economically, environmentally and socially sustainable places by enabling development that balances the costs and benefits of a proposal over the longer term. The aim is to achieve the right development in the right place in accordance with Scottish Planning Policy. It is not to allow development at any cost.
- 1.4 All of the policies contained within the Plan should be read against Policy PMD1.

POLICY PMD1: SUSTAINABILITY

In determining planning applications and preparing development briefs, the Council will apply the following sustainability principles which underpin all the Plan's policies and which developers will be expected to incorporate into their developments:

- a) the long term sustainable use and management of land
- b) the preservation of air and water quality
- c) the protection of natural resources, landscapes, habitats, and species
- d) the protection of built and cultural resources
- e) the efficient use of energy and resources, particularly non-renewable resources
- f) the minimisation of waste, including waste water and encouragement to its sustainable management
- g) the encouragement of walking, cycling, and public transport in preference to the private car
- h) the minimisation of light pollution
- i) the protection of public health and safety
- j) the support to community services and facilities
- k) the provision of new jobs and support to the local economy
- l) the involvement of the local community in the design, management and improvement of their environment.