

3 CENTRAL CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL (AN107-2013)

Reference is made to Article IV of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 28 January 2013 wherein the Committee agreed to:

- (a) remit the Director of City Development to consult with the local community and interested parties on the terms of the Draft Conservation Area Appraisal and to report back with the results of the consultation process.

As a result of the consultation of the proposed Conservation Area Character Areas and its associated Conservation Area Appraisal no negative feedback was obtained. Historic Scotland commented that:

“the appraisal provides a sound understanding of the importance and significance of the city centre and its conservation area. As the Conservation Area covers a large and varied area, we like how it has been divided into six character areas. We welcome the proposed modifications to the boundary of the Conservation Area as this will give more parts of the city centre protection.”

It is therefore recommended that the above comments are noted and that the Committee:

- a approves the Conservation Area Appraisal as supplementary guidance to the Local Plan Review; and refers the Appraisal to the Development Management Committee for approval as a material planning consideration;
- b remits the Director of City Development to cancel the existing Central Conservation Area Boundary;
- c remits the Director of City Development to give notice to the Scottish Government of the designation of the new Central Conservation Area boundary;
- d remits the Director of City Development to advertise the designation in the Edinburgh Gazette and Evening Telegraph newspapers; and
- e remits the Director of City Development to apply to the Scottish Government to replace the Article 4 Directions.