

Planning Committee 6 October 2011

☒ A new strategy to light up Scotland's Capital is set to go out for public consultation if approved by the Council's Planning Committee.

The draft Edinburgh Lighting Strategy is one of the matters which will be considered by the Planning Committee tomorrow, 6 October 2011.

The Strategy's four key objectives are:-

- To support Edinburgh's role as economic, cultural and ceremonial capital of Scotland
- To enhance community safety, security, amenity and orientation for both pedestrians and road users
- To develop a coordinated and coherent approach to lighting, so that lighting design becomes an intrinsic part of the street and place
- To encourage lighting designs that will reduce energy use, cost and minimise light pollution

Final plans for the £84 million Waterfront and Leith Area Development will also be unveiled to the planning committee. The project which was given the green light by John Swinney last month, incorporates the development of a new cruise liner terminal, lock gates, esplanade and link road.

The investment will be used as a pilot project for a new Tax Incremental Financing (TIF). Pioneered in the United States, TIF involves using anticipated incremental tax revenues to fund infrastructure projects. TIF allows councils to borrow cash for a project and then use the increased revenues from the commercial development that the infrastructure encourages,

to pay it back.

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