Development Planning Forum 20 April 2018 The Studio, Glasgow Workshop Summary Notes

Workshop D: S75 and STF; Learning from Aberdeenshire

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The following notes summarise participant comments and are not necessarily the views of the Scottish Government who helped to facilitate the workshops.



The workshop focused on the Supreme Court decision in 2017 regarding Aberdeen City and Shire SDP Supplementary Guidance: Strategic Transport Fund:

- Aberdeenshire Council described their experience of working on this Supplementary Guidance and the legal journey culminating in the Supreme Court decision in 2017
- The group discussed the circumstances around the Supreme Court decision, the implications for the authority and for securing cumulative contributions in the future
- The group explored their views and various possible interpretations of the decision
- The importance of having a robust evidence base for any mechanism which is developed, was highlighted by the presenters
- Discussion was had around the scope of the Planning Bill and the potential for a future infrastructure levy, to make changes in this area, in light of the Supreme Court decision
- There was appreciation that this is a complex and challenging area and that learning from the experience of Aberdeen City and Shire was key.