

HISTORIC SCOTLAND BOARD : 21 AUGUST 2006

UPDATE ON SCOTTISH HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT POLICIES (SHEPS)

Purpose

1. To provide an update for the Historic Scotland Board on the progress of the SHEPS.

Background

2. The Scottish Historic Environment Policy (SHEP) series sets out both Scottish Ministers' strategic policies for the wider historic environment and provides greater policy direction for Historic Scotland.

SHEP 1

3. This is the overarching policy statement for the historic environment. It provides a framework for more detailed strategic policies and operational policies that inform the day to day work of a range of organisations that have a role and interest in managing the historic environment. The consultation period for SHEP 1 ended on 23 June 2006. Forty five responses were received. They were mainly positive and covered various themes. The process of analysis is now underway.

SHEP 2 – Scheduling

4. This covers Scottish Ministers' policy for the identification and designation of nationally important monuments and was published in its final form on 31 March 2006.

SHEP 3 – Gardens and Designed Landscapes

5. This document sets out the Scottish Ministers' policies for gardens and designed landscapes in respect of their identification and protection, the management of change and how Historic Scotland will implement these policies. The consultation period for SHEP 3 ended on 23 June 2006. Forty one responses were received. These will be analysed shortly.

6. Further SHEPS covering scheduled monument consent, listed building consent and listing are in an advanced stage of drafting. Our target is to issue 4 SHEPs for consultation by March 2007.

Recommendation

7. The Board is invited to note the contents of this update about the SHEPS