Key Decision Details

Decision Name	Environmental Sustainable Design and Construction Technical Advice Note
Date of Decision	18 November 2025
Decision maker	Cabinet
Describe the Decision taken	The Cabinet (1) adopted the Environmentally Sustainable Design & Construction TAN (Appendix 1) as non-statutory guidance; and (2) delegated authority to the Head of Planning, Infrastructure & Public Protection, in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Planning, to make any necessary typographical, visual or other minor changes to the Document prior to its publication.
What were the reasons for taking the Decision?	Adopting the TAN will: • Deliver updated guidance in line with the Corporate Plan and Climate Strategy. • Support the Council's statutory planning role and climate emergency commitments. • Improve efficiency at pre-application and validation stages.
What alternative options were considered and	• Option A – Adopt the TAN (Recommended): Provides clarity, advice

rejected?	and guidance to applicants and developers, supporting corporate priorities. • Option B – Publish TAN for further consultation prior to adoption: Allows wider stakeholder input but may delay adoption. • Option C – Do nothing: Risks missed opportunities for sustainable development.
Conflict of interest and dispensation	
Is the decision a Key Decision?	No
Was the decision included in the Forward Plan	No
Was the decision subject to the urgency proceedings?	No
List the background papers to any report considered by the Decision Taker	
Person Making this report	Clara Kerr, Head of Planning, Infrastructure & Public Protection
Decision will be effective the day after call-in expires. Call-in expires on	26/11/2025
Accompanying Documents	3. Environmentally Sustainable Design & Construction Technical Advice Note (TAN) 3. Appendix 1 – Environmentally Sustainable Design and Construction

Technical Advice Note (TAN)
3. Appendix 2 - EqIA - Environmentally Sustainable Design and Construction TAN