

Committee Minutes

Planning Committee

Edinburgh, 4 September 2008

Present: - Councillors Lowrie (Convener), Child, Dundas, Hinds, Keir, McIvor, Milligan, Mowat, Peacock and Rose.

Also in attendance: - Lord Provost Grubb and Councillor Kate Mackenzie.

1 Minutes

1.1 Planning Committee

The minute of the Planning Committee of 7 August 2008 was approved as a correct record.

1.2 Development Management Sub-Committees

The minutes of the Development Management Sub-Committees of 30 July, and 6 and 13 August 2008 were approved as correct records.

1.3 Development Management Sub-Committee Visits

The records of the visits made by the Development Management Sub-Committee on 31 July and 13 August 2008 were noted.

2 Port Edgar Development Brief – Finalised Version

The Committee had approved for consultation purposes a development brief for Port Edgar.

The brief had been modified to take account of comments received during the consultation process and was presented as supplementary planning guidance to be used to ensure a co-ordinated approach to future development at the site.

Decision

To approve the finalised development brief as supplementary planning guidance for the Port Edgar site subject to the following additions: -

- 1) that the Council and partners would explore additional accesses which would then be considered as part of individual planning applications; and
- 2) details of the site of the war memorial.

(References – Planning Committee, 28 February 2008 (item 13); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

3 Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan – Action Plan Update 2008

The Committee had approved an updated Action Plan for the Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan.

The Action Plan had been updated to take account of changes in infrastructure provision in the Rural West Edinburgh area since July 2006, and would support policies in the adopted local plan until its review in July 2010.

Decision

To approve the updated Action Plan as a supporting document to the Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan.

(References – Planning Committee of 10 August 2006 (item 2); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

4 Ratifying the Strategic Development Plan Boundary

A draft boundary for the Strategic Development Plan area had been the subject of a joint consultation exercise during July 2008 and had been approved by the Strategic Development Planning Authority for Edinburgh and South East Scotland (SESplan) at their meeting on 25 August.

SESplan was now required to submit a boundary plan for the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) area, together with a justification statement, to Scottish Ministers for their determination.

Decision

To submit the Strategic Development Plan boundary plan and justification statement to Scottish Ministers.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

5 Sustainability in Older Buildings

The Committee considered a report on sustainability issues in older buildings, particularly in relation to Council guidance on replacement windows in listed buildings and conservation areas.

The report was prepared in response to queries from members in relation to sustainability and a report entitled 'Energy Heritage: A Guide to Improving Efficiency in Traditional and Historic Homes', recently published by Changeworks and Edinburgh World Heritage.

In order to fully consider the implications of the use of double glazing in Category 'A' and 'B' Listed Buildings a trial would be arranged using a range of sealed unit double glazing and other thermal efficiency measures. The results of the trial would allow for discussions with Historic Scotland about the use of such units. A further report would be submitted once the double glazing trials were completed.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

6 Valedictory Remarks

The Committee wished Carol Richardson, Assistant Committee Officer, well during her forthcoming maternity leave.

The Convener advised members that since the meeting of the Committee on 7 August, Ken Scott, Senior Committee Officer, had left the Council's service.

He indicated that he would write to Ken on behalf of the Committee wishing him well for the future.