

Committee Minutes

Planning Committee

Edinburgh, 6 June 2007

Present:- Councillors Lowrie (Convener), Buchanan, Burgess, Dundas, Hart, Hinds, Keir, Morris, Mowat, Paisley, Peacock, Rose and Thomas.

1 Appointment of Convener

The Committee was invited to appoint the Convener.

Decision

To appoint Councillor Lowrie as Convener of the Planning Committee.

2 Appointment of Vice-Convener

The Committee was invited to appoint the Vice Convener.

Decision

To elect Councillor McIvor as Vice-Convener of the Planning Committee.

3 Remit of the Development Management Sub-Committee

Decision

To note the remit of the Development Management Sub-Committee.

(Reference – copy of the remit of the Development Management Sub-Committee, submitted).

4 Appointments to Outside Bodies – 2007-2011

The Council had agreed to delegate to the Planning Committee those appointments which fell within its remit.

Decision

To agree the appointments to outside bodies, as detailed in appendix 1 to this minute.

(References – Council 24 May 20076 (Act of Council No 3); report PL/001/07-08/CS by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

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APPENDIX 1

Appointments made by the Planning Committee to outside bodies and organisations

Organisation	Appointments 2007/2011
Craigmillar Castle Park Steering Group	Councillor Hart (L) Councillor Peacock (SLD) Councillor Rose (CON)
Edinburgh and Lothians Structure Plan Joint Liaison Committee	Councillor Lowrie (SLD) Councillor McIvor (SNP) Councillor Mowat (CON)
	(Agreed on a division – see below)
	The appointment of Councillor Hart was moved by Councillor Hinds. The appointment of Councillor Mowat was moved by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Paisley.
	Voting
	Councillor Mowat was appointed by 10 votes to 2.
Interim Edinburgh and South East of Scotland Strategic Development Plan Joint Committee	Councillor Lowrie (SLD) Councillor Mowat (CON)
Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust - Board of Directors (Formerly Edinburgh Green Belt Trust)	Councillor Burgess (GRN) Councillor McIvor (SNP)
Edinburgh Old Town and South Side Trust (Formerly Edinburgh Old Town Charitable Trust)	The Trust has advised that no appointment is required.
Edinburgh World Heritage Trust	Councillor Lowrie (SLD)
Lowland Canals Steering Group	The group has advised that no appointment is required.

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Organisation	Appointments 2007/2011
National Trust for Scotland - Trust Council	The Trust's governing structure is being reviewed, and they have asked that appointment of Members be continued pending the outcome.
Pentland Hills Regional Park Consultative Committee	Councillor Paisley (CON)
Pentland Hills Regional Park Joint Committee	Councillor Hart (L) Councillor Keir (SNP) Councillor Paisley (CON)
Planning Aid for Scotland	Planning Aid has adopted a corporate membership and an appointment is no longer required.
Town and Country Planning Association (Scotland)	Director of City Development (or nominee).

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Edinburgh, 14 June 2007

Present:- Councillors Lowrie (Convener), Buchanan, Burgess, Hinds, Keir, McIvor (Vice-Convener), Milligan, Mowat, Paisley, Peacock and Rose.

1 Minutes

1.1 Planning Committee

The minute of the Planning Committee of 19 April 2007 was approved as a correct record.

1.2 Development Quality Sub-Committees

The minutes of the Development Quality Sub-Committees of 11, 18 and 25 April 2007 were approved as correct records.

1.3 Edinburgh and Lothians Structure Plan Joint Liaison Committee

The minute of the Edinburgh and Lothians Structure Plan Joint Liaison Committee on 26 March 2007 was noted.

1.4 Interim Edinburgh and South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Joint Committee

The minute of the Interim Edinburgh and South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan Joint Committee on 26 March 2007 was noted.

2 Community Engagement in Planning – Planning Advice Note 81 on ‘Planning with People’

In recognition of the importance of community engagement to the modernisation of the planning system, and to assist planning authorities in implementing the provisions contained in the Planning etc. (Scotland) 2006 Act, the Scottish Executive had issued a Planning Advice Note (PAN) on the subject.

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Details were provided of the provisions of the Planning Act which related to community engagement, a summary of the PAN, the implications of these requirements and an approach to allow the Council's planning service to meeting these obligations.

Decision

- 1) To note the requirement for community engagement contained in the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006.
- 2) To note the advice provided by the Scottish Executive in PAN 81.
- 3) To approve the direction the Planning Service would take to meet these requirements.
- 4) To note that a further report would be submitted on the approach as Neighbourhood Partnerships developed and Regulations are published.

(Reference – report no PC/002/07-08/CD by the Director of City Development, submitted).

3 Scottish Executive Consultation – Statutory Guidance on Planning and Sustainable Development

The Scottish Executive had invited views on new draft guidance to help planning authorities, developers and other relevant parties meet the requirements of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act relating to sustainable development.

Approval was sought for the Council's response to the consultation exercise.

Decision

- 1) To note the key elements of the statutory guidance on Planning and Sustainable Development.
- 2) To agree that appendix 1 to the Director of City Development's report be forwarded to the Scottish Executive as the Council's formal response to the consultation paper, subject to any non-material editing by the Director.

(Reference – report no PC/003/07-08/CD by the Director of City Development, submitted).

4 Scottish Executive Consultation – Developing the new Planning Performance Assessment Framework

The Scottish Executive had invited comments on the development of a new performance assessment framework for local authorities, based on a mixture of both formal assessment and self evaluation.

The proposed framework sought to ensure good quality planning took place nationwide, focusing on continuous improvement.

Committee was asked to approve the Council's response to the consultation exercise.

Decision

To agree that the Director of City Development's report and the appendix be forwarded to the Scottish Executive as the Council's formal response to the consultation paper.

(Reference – report no PC/004/07-08/CD by the Director of City Development, submitted).

5 Historic Scotland Consultation – Scottish Historic Environment Policy

Historic Scotland had invited comments on a consultation on the Scottish Historic Environment Policy (SHEP).

SHEP comprises a series of policy documents which set out Scottish Ministers' strategic policies for the historic environment. Views were now invited from stakeholders on four aspects of caring for and promoting Scotland's historic built and cultural heritage; Listing, Listed Building Consent, Scheduled Monument Consent, and Properties in the Care of Scottish Ministers.

Decision

To agree that the Director of City Development's report be forwarded to Historic Scotland as the Council's response to the consultation papers.

(Reference – report no PC/005/07-08/CD by the Director of City Development, submitted).

6 Historic Scotland Consultation – Funding Programmes for Archaeology

Historic Scotland had invited stakeholders to comment on the priorities and operation of Historic Scotland's investment programmes for the archaeological sector.

The consultation was the first stage of a review aimed at refreshing the priorities and systems used by Historic Scotland to determine how public funds should be spent to support the management and investigation of Scotland's archaeological sites and ancient monuments.

Decision

To agree that the Director of City Development's report be forwarded to Historic Scotland as the Council's response to the consultation paper.

(Reference – report no PC/006/07-08/CD by the Director of City Development, submitted).

7 Standards for Streets – Training and Skilling Up Programme

Committee had previously endorsed the principles for the new structure for Streetscape, and agreed to receive a further report on actions taken to ensure implementation.

Details were provided of progress made in delivering the new approach to streetscape and a comprehensive training programme for relevant staff, which would be rolled out to external agencies in due course.

Decision

To note the training and skilling up programme for the Edinburgh Standards for Streets.

(Reference – Planning Committee, 13 September 2006, item 1; report no PC/007/07-08/CD by the Director of City Development, submitted).

8 Training Programme for Planning Committee

Details were provided of the proposed training programme for Planning Committee, which had been designed to assist members in dealing with planning matters and understanding the role of planning in achieving the Council's policy goals.

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Decision

- 1) To note the Transition Report recommended by the previous Planning Committee.
- 2) To approve the training programme for June-December 2007.
- 3) To approve the preparation of a series of awareness-raising presentations and site visits to assist members including an additional session on Secured by Design and Community Safety initiatives.

(Reference – report no PC/008/07-08/CD by the Director of City Development, submitted).