

Planning Committee

10.00 am, Thursday, 6 August 2015

Present

Councillors Perry (Convener), Dixon (Vice-Convener), Cairns, Child, Heslop, Keil, McVey, Milligan, Mowat, Ross (SNP substitute), and Robson.

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee of 15 June 2015 as a correct record.

2. Business Bulletin

The Planning Committee Business Bulletin for 6 August 2015 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

3. Developer Contributions and Affordable Housing Guidance – Update for Consultation

Committee was asked to approve updated guidance on developer Contributions and Affordable Housing for consultation and for use in determining planning applications. The guidance had been revised following approval of the Second Proposed Local Development Plan which set out a new approach to developer contributions and infrastructure provision.

Decision

- 1) To approve the update to Guidance on Developer Contributions and Affordable Housing for consultation and for use in determining planning applications.
- 2) To authorise the Acting Head of Planning and Building Standards to adjust the consultation period if appropriate.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 4 December 2012 (item 9); Planning Committee, 19 March 2013 (item 1); Planning Committee, 12 June 2014 (item 2); Planning Committee, 27 February 2014 (item 5); 19 June 2014 (item 1); 2 October 2014 (item 3); 14 May 2014 (items 2, 3 & 4); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

4. Edinburgh Planning Guidance: Student Housing – Revised for Consultation

Committee had previously approved an Issues Paper on Student Housing for consultation. Details were given of the findings of the consultation exercise and approval sought to consult on the revised non-statutory planning guidance.

Decision

- 1) To note the findings of the consultation on the Student Housing Issues Paper.
- 2) To approve the Revised Student Housing Planning Guidance for consultation, subject to extending the consultation period to 30 October 2015.
- 3) To agree that information on applications coming forward for student accommodation, together with existent percentages of student housing in these area, be circulated to members.
- 4) To agree that the Head of Planning would contact the Planning Division of the Scottish Government to discuss the possibility of including student housing in effective land supply calculations.

(References – Planning Committee, 4 December 2014 (item 4); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

5. Appeals and Ombudsman Decisions 2014-15

Details were given of the outcome of appeal decisions made by the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals and the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman on planning cases received by the Council from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

Decision

- 1) To note the outcome of appeal decisions made by the Directorate for Planning and Environmental Appeals and the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman on planning cases received by the Council from 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 .
- 2) To note that future reports would include information on reviews conducted by the Planning Local Review Body.
- 3) The Head of Planning to publish an Information Bulletin containing outcomes of appeals, including reviews conducted by the Local Review Body.
- 4) The Head of Planning to circulate detail to members of appeals on decisions taken against officer recommendations.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

6. Short Stay Commercial Leisure Apartments – Monitoring Report

The Committee considered an update on the Council's current position in respect of action by the planning enforcement service relating to short stay commercial leisure apartments.

Decision

- 1) To note the current position in respect of action by the planning enforcement service relating to short stay commercial leisure lets, and that a further report would be received in a year's time.
- 2) To agree to refer the report to Health, Social Care and Housing Committee for information.
- 3) To note that future reports would include information on enquiries received regarding Short Stay Commercial Leisure Apartments, including reasons for action taken.
- 4) Information on enquiries received regarding Short Stay Commercial Leisure Apartments for the period covered by the report to be circulated to members.

(References – Planning Committee, 7 August 2014 (item 2); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

7. Planning Committee Workshop and Awareness Raising Programme

Committee was asked to approve the workshop and awareness raising programme up to July 2016.

Decision

- 1) To approve the workshop and awareness raising programme up to July 2016.
- 2) To note that a refresher session would be arranged for members on World Heritage status and the special character of the Old and New Towns.

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

8. Extraction of Unconventional Gas, Fracking and Coal Gasification – Response to Motion

The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee, at their meeting on 9 June 2015, had considered a report on various forms of mineral extraction within the context of local and regional planning. The report was referred to the Planning Committee to consider the designation of the City of Edinburgh Council area in the forthcoming Strategic Development Plan 2 in this regard and to consider making representations to the SESPlan Joint Committee.

Decision

To note the report.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee, 9 June 2015 (item 5); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

9. Attendance at Conference on Scottish Planning Policy and the New National Framework 3: Communities, Economic Growth and a Sustainable, Low Carbon Future

Committee was advised of action taken by the Acting Director of Services for Communities in consultation with the Convener of the Planning Committee in accordance with Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions 3.1 to authorise the attendance of Councillor Dixon at the Scottish Planning Policy and the New National Framework 3: Communities, Economic Growth and a Sustainable, Low Carbon Future conference on 10 June 2015.

Decision

To note the action taken by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, in consultation with the Convener of the Planning Committee, to authorise the attendance of Councillor Dixon at the Scottish Planning Policy and the New National Framework 3: Communities, Economic Growth and a Sustainable, Low Carbon Future conference on 10 June 2015, in accordance with Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions 3.1

(Reference – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)