

Planning Committee

10.00 am, Thursday, 19 May 2016

Present

Councillors Perry (Convener), Lunn (Vice-Convener), Bagshaw, Balfour, Blacklock, Cairns, Child, Howat, Keil, McVey, Milligan, Mowat, and Ritchie.

1. Minutes

Decision

- 1) To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee of 25 February 2016 as a correct record.

2. Business Bulletin

The Planning Business Bulletin of 19 May 2016 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

3. Development Plan Scheme

Approval was sought for a new Development Plan Scheme. Planning authorities had to publish a scheme setting out their programme for preparing their local development plan at least once a year. The last such scheme was approved and published in May 2015.

Decision

To approve the new Development Plan Scheme as outlined in Appendix1 of the report by the Director of Place, for publication.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

4. Planning Performance Framework and the Building Standards Balanced Scorecard

Approval was sought of the Planning Performance Framework (PPF) 2015-16 and the Building Standards Balanced Scorecard 2016-17 for submission to the Scottish Government. Service improvements were included as part of the two documents.

The Planning Performance Framework set out a mix of quantitative and qualitative measures of performance over the last year. This included details of the feedback received on the previous year's PPF in terms of performance markers. The report also

sets out Building Standards performance through the Building Standards Balanced Scorecard and National Customer Charter.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Planning Performance Framework 2015-16 for submission to the Scottish Government.
- 2) To approve the Building Standards Balanced Scorecard 2016-17 for submission to the Scottish Government.
- 3) To approve the Building Standards National Customer Charter.
- 4) To agree that minor editorial changes be delegated to the Executive Director of Place.
- 5) The Executive Director of Place to report to the next meeting of the Committee on the progress of legacy cases.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

5. Supplementary Guidance Bruntsfield/Morningside and Leith Town Centres - Finalised

Approval was sought of the finalised Supplementary Guidance (SG) for Bruntsfield/Morningside Town Centre and Leith Town Centre. The SGs would guide the balance of uses within the town centres. They would be used to determine planning applications for the change of use of shop units to non-shop uses and help to deliver the wider placemaking agenda.

In both town centres the finalised policy afforded more protection for shop uses than the preferred option consulted on in the draft SGs. Once approved, the two SGs could be formally adopted as part of the development plan, supplementing the Edinburgh Local Development Plan.

Decision

- 1) To approve Appendix of the report by the Executive Director of Place as the finalised Supplementary Guidance for Bruntsfield/Morningside Town Centre.
- 2) To approve Appendix 2 of the report as the finalised Supplementary Guidance for Leith Town Centre.
- 3) To note that both would be adopted as part of the statutory development plan at the procedurally appropriate time, once the Edinburgh Local Development Plan has been adopted.
- 4) The Executive Director of Place to include retail use in town centres to be the programme for Committee Workshops.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

6. Placemaking Update

On 1 October 2015, the Committee noted a report on how the planning system could promote good placemaking. The report provided an update on Placemaking, setting it in a wider community planning context and linking it to the Council's Transformation Change process. It described what has been achieved in the last 6 months and a programme of work for the next year.

Decision

- 1) To note the contents of the report.
- 2) To agree the priorities for work set out in Appendix 3 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

(References – The Planning Committee 1 October 2015 (item 5); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

7. Place Brief for National Collections Facility at Granton Waterfront

Approval was sought of a Place Brief to guide the development of a National Collections Facility at Waterfront Avenue, Granton. It had been prepared collaboratively by the Council and National Galleries of Scotland (the landowner/applicant), with input from the local community and other stakeholders.

Decision

To approve the Place Brief for National Collections Facility at Granton Waterfront as non-statutory planning guidance.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

8. Forth Bridge World Heritage Site Partnership Management

An update was provided on the Forth Bridge World Heritage Management Plan Partnership Agreement, approved by Planning Committee on 27 February 2014.

This update reflected the change of role of Historic Environment Scotland to a statutory consultee in the listed building consent process and the consequent changes to the listed building consent process from October 2015. This was an amendment to the agreement already in place rather than a new document, as much of the information remained relevant and was carried over from the previous agreement.

The Partnership Management Agreement (PMA) for the Forth Bridge detailed the works that would require Listed Building Consent and outlined the processes for this. It also set out the type of works that could proceed without consent.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Forth Bridge World Heritage Site Partnership Management Agreement.

- 2) The Executive Director of Place to establish if permission would be required to change the colour of the Forth Road Bridge and to circulate this information to members.

(References – Planning Committee on 27 February 2014 (item 10); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

9. Portobello Conservation Area – Review of Conservation Area Character Appraisals

Approval was sought of the revised Portobello Conservation Area Character Appraisal, in draft, for consultation. This had been developed in the new style of appraisal. The content had been updated to reflect changing issues in the area, the community's views and concerns and is presented in a more user-friendly format.

A small boundary extension at the north-west corner of the conservation area was proposed for consideration.

Decision

To approve the attached revised Portobello Conservation Area Character Appraisal, in draft, for consultation.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

10. Setted Streets

The Transport and Environment Committee on 15 March 2016 considered a report by the Executive Director of Place regarding the measures required to conserve, enhance and maintain setted streets. The Committee agreed to refer the report to the Planning Committee for noting.

Decision

- 1) To note the attached report.
- 2) The Executive Director of Place to submit a report to a future meeting of the Committee on Setted Streets, the report to include information on:
 - a) The sustainability of setted streets.
 - b) The different techniques used to lay setts and the skills required.
 - c) The cost of maintenance.

(References – The Transport and Environment Committee 15 March 2015 (item 5); report by the Interim Head of Strategy and Insight, submitted.)