



Planning Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 30 March 2017

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

Planning Committee

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Building Standards Performance

As reported in the business bulletin to Planning Committee of 2 March 2016, the performance of the Council's Building Standards service has been below the expectations set by Scottish Government for the timescales in which building warrant applications should be progressed.

Measures put in place continue to allow improvements to be made and it is expected that over the next few months that performance will steadily improve.

Recruitment

Recruitment is underway for six building standards surveyors and two senior building standards surveyors. Appointments have been made, with new staff starting in March and April 2017.

Overtime

To deal with the backlog of applications, an overtime team has been formed. Over 480 cases have been progressed through overtime since it was started in January.

Shared services

The reporting stage of some applications is being handled by other local authorities. Since January, 200 cases of a range of sizes have been allocated to Aberdeen City and Argyll and Bute councils. These are being progressed to first report stage.

Proposed Strategic Development Plan 2 - Submission for Examination

The SESplan [Main Issues Report](#) was published in July 2015. Responses received informed the preparation of the Proposed Plan. Following formal ratification by member authorities, the [Proposed Plan](#) was published for a period of representations in October 2016.

Over 800 [representations](#) were received from 168 representees. Representees requested a number of modifications to the Proposed Plan. No representations were received which would require a change to the Proposed Plan's strategy and / or themes around the Vision, Spatial Strategy, a Place to do Business, a Place

for Communities and a Better Connected Place. 17 separate issues were identified from the representations.

The SESplan Joint Committee agreed, at its meeting on 13 March 2017, to approve the Summary of Unresolved Issues 1 - 13 and 15 – 17. In respect of Issue 14 Strategic Transport Infrastructure it was agreed to note a representation from Transport Scotland regarding the identification of strategic transport projects. A Cross Boundary Study being led by Transport Scotland has fallen significantly behind schedule, a draft only recently being received by SESplan. SESplan Joint Committee considered that it would not be appropriate to approve the Proposed Plan for submission for Examination until the impacts of the Study can be fully understood. Submission of the final Study from Transport Scotland has been requested by the end of April 2017. Issue 14 will be reviewed and reported to the next SESplan Joint Committee meeting on 26 June 2017.

The SESPlan Joint Committee agreed in principle that no modifications are made to the Proposed Plan published in October 2016. If no modification is to be made the SESplan Joint Committee is authorised, under delegated authority, to proceed with submission of the Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers without the need for ratification by member authorities. Subject to the agreement of the SESPlan Joint Committee on 26 June 2017, the Proposed Plan and Summary of Unresolved Issues will be submitted around the end of June 2017.

It is anticipated that an Examination will take place in summer 2017. Approval of the Plan is expected to be in Spring 2018.

Background

The SESplan response to representations received on the Proposed Plan is available on the [SESplan website](#).

Forthcoming activities: