

Planning Committee

10.00 am, Thursday, 30 March 2017

Present

Councillors Perry (Convener), Lunn (Vice-Convener), Bagshaw, Child, Dixon (substituting for Councillor Cairns), Gardner, Keil, McVey, Mowat and Ritchie.

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Planning Committee of 2 March 2017 as a correct record.

2. Business Bulletin

The Planning Business Bulletin of 30 March 2017 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

3. Old and New Town World Heritage Site Draft Management Plan 2017-2022

It was reported that the UNESCO Convention on World Heritage required every World Heritage Site (WHS) to have a management system. The current five year management plan for the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh WHS covering the period 2011-2016 had been reviewed.

A new plan for the next five years was presented in draft for approval. It had been shaped by an extensive and innovative programme of public and stakeholder engagement and awareness-raising.

A range of consultative and promotional activity was planned with the public, community groups and organisations in April to June 2017, prior to finalising the plan for partners' approval by September 2017.

Decision

- 1) To approve the draft Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site Management Plan 2017- 2022 for consultation.

- 2) To thank the officers for their work.

(References – Planning Committee 25 February 2016 (item 6); report by the by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

4. Supplementary Guidance: Developer Contributions and Infrastructure Delivery - Finalised

Approval was sought of the finalised Supplementary Guidance (SG) on Developer Contributions and Infrastructure Delivery. The SG had been prepared to support the Local Development Plan's (LDP) policies on infrastructure and developer contributions, and to deliver the infrastructure actions set out in the Action Programme. Once approved, the SG could be formally adopted as part of the development plan, supplementing the LDP.

Decision

- 1) To approve Appendix 1 of the report by the Exrcutive Director of Place as the finalised Supplementary Guidance on Developer Contributions and Infrastructure Delivery.
- 2) To note that it would be adopted as part of the statutory development plan.
- 3) To authorise the Executive Director of Place to make minor editorial changes to the report.

(References – Planning Committee 8 December 2016 (item 5); report by the by the Executive Director of Place; submitted.)

5. Flood Impact of New Developments – Certification Process

Approval was sought to permanently implement a certification procedure in the assessment of the flooding impact of new development during the planning application process..

Decision

To approve for development management purposes, the permanent implementation of a certification process in relation to the flooding impact of new development, supported by an external flooding consultant.

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

6. Scottish Government Review of Planning – Response to Places, People and Planning Consultation Paper

Approval was sought for a formal response to the Scottish Government consultation paper – Places, People and Planning.

Decision

To agree to Appendix 1 of the report by the Director of Place as the Council's written response to the Scottish Government consultation on the future of the Scottish Planning system.

(References – Planning Committee 11 August 2016 (item 4); report by the by the Executive Director of Place; submitted.)

7. Airspace Change Programme: Consultation of Flight Paths

Approval was sought for a formal response to Edinburgh airport operator's second consultation on planned changes to the Edinburgh's airspace flight paths.

The airport operator was planning to use more tightly define airspace flight paths by taking advantage of modern technology and to facilitate the expansion of the use of Edinburgh airport. The response identified specific issues related to the proposed flight paths with regard to the noise impact on Edinburgh residents and the impacts on habitats and designated sites of international/national importance.

Decision

- 1) To approve Appendix 2 of the report by the Director of Place as its response to the second consultation on the Airspace Change Programme.
- 2) To refer the report to the Transport and Environment Committee for information.
- 3) To note that the Council had no powers to directly control aircraft noise. The airport operator was responsible for preparing noise maps and submitting them to Scottish Ministers. However, only the Secretary of State under the Civil Aviation Act could impose direct restrictions on noise

(References – Planning Committee, 2 March 2017 (item 13); report by the by the Executive Director of Place; submitted.)