Planning Committee

10.00 am, Thursday, 12 June 2014

Present

Councillor Perry (Convener), Howat (Vice-Convener), Bagshaw, Brock, Child McVey, Mowat, Rose and Ross.

1. Minutes

Decision

- 1) To approve the minute of the Planning Committee of 15 May 2014 as a correct record.
- 2) To approve the minutes of the Development Management Sub-Committee of 14 and 28 May 2014 as correct records.
- 3) To note the minutes of the City of Edinburgh Planning Local Review Body of 7 and 21 May 2014.

2. Development Plan

The Council was preparing its first Local Development Plan (LDP), when adopted it will replace two local plans and will be used to determine planning applications. Due to changes in the Strategic Development Plan (SDP) for South East Scotland, the LDP needed to be revised to provide more housing land. Details of the second proposed plan were provided.

Decision

To continue consideration of the matter at a meeting of the Planning Committee to be held on Thursday 19 June 2014 at 13:00, to allow for the decision of the Scottish Ministers on the Strategic Development Plan Supplementary Guidance on Housing Land to be received.

(References – Planning Committees 19 March 2013 (Item 1), 3 October 2013 (Item 2), 23 October 2013 (Item 3), to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 4 December 2012 (Item 9); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

3. Planning Process

Details were provided on the proposed new management structure for the Planning and Building Standards service.

Decision

- 1) To approve the new management structure for the Planning and Building Standards service area.
- 2) To note that it was intended to implement these arrangements by the end of September 2014.
- 3) To note the intention to engage with staff in the formulation of a protocol for the matching and allocation of posts and new and/or revised job descriptions.
- 4) To note the intention to carry out a "lean" exercise of support services to assess the full application support process required at intake and registration and at decision issuing stages.

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