

Minutes

Planning Committee

10.00 am Thursday 2 October 2014

Present

Councillors Perry (Convener), Howat (Vice-Convener), Bagshaw, Blacklock, Brock, Cairns, Child, Dixon, Heslop, McVey, Milligan, Mowat, Robson, Rose and Ross.

1. Minutes

Decision

- 1) To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee of 7 August 2014 as a correct record.
- 2) To approve the minute of the Development Management Sub-Committee of 13 and 27 August and 3 and 10 September 2014 as correct records.
- 3) To approve the minute of the Development Management Sub-Committee of 30 July 2014 subject to clarification of the members present and clarification of who moved and seconded the amended on item 5 (18 Tennant Street, application no 13/04405/FUL)
- 4) To note the minutes of the City of Edinburgh Planning Local Review Body of 6 and 20 August 2014.

2. Spokes Factsheet: Cycle Storage in Gardens

A summary of the activity on the use of the Spokes factsheet, cycle storage in gardens in enforcement cases and householders submitting applications for front garden sheds since 3 October 2013 was provided. Due to the limited number of cases it was difficult to reach conclusion about the effectiveness of the factsheet.

Decision

- 1) To note the results of the use of the Spokes factsheet, Cycle Storage in Gardens, in enforcement cases and by householders in submitting applications for sheds in front gardens since October 2013;
- 2) To agree that monitoring should continue and request a further report on activity in October 2016.

(Reference – Planning Committee 3 October 2013 (item 5), report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

3. Local Development Plan: Action Programme Update

An update was given on the Local Development Plan (LDP) Action Programme which was a statutory requirement of the development plan process. It set out a list of actions, including the infrastructure measures needed to deliver the policies and proposals in the LDP. The LDP was intended to be used as a mechanism to coordinate development proposals with the infrastructure and services needed to support them and to align the delivery of the LDP with corporate and national investment in infrastructure.

To facilitate the delivery of the Action Programme an officer Action Group, chaired by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, had been set up. In order to help facilitate the early delivery of the infrastructure actions contained within the Action Programme, the report also identified that early funding was required for its timely delivery.

Decision

- 1) To agree to use the approved Second Proposed Action Programme to deliver required infrastructure in advance of the adoption of the Local Development Plan;
- 2) To note that the implications of the Action Programme for Council budgets are coordinated through Local Development Plan Action Group;
- 3) To note the revenue and capital funding required to deliver infrastructure in 2015/16 and thereafter; and,
- 4) To agree to refer this report to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee for information.
- 5) To include the entrance to the East Craigs Estate at the Maybury Junction in appendix 1 to the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities.

(References – Planning Committee 19 June 2014 (item 1); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

4. The Edinburgh Planning Concordat Engagement Fund

An update report was provided on the take-up of grants under the Edinburgh Planning Concordat Engagement Fund. There were also proposals for minor changes to the eligibility criteria.

The Edinburgh Planning Concordat provide grants of up to £300 to community councils to allow engagement with the wider community which promoted consensual working between developers, the Council and community councils on major development in the City.

Since approval, there have been two applications for grant assistance, both of which have been agreed.

Decision

- 1) To note the take-up of grants from the Edinburgh Planning Concordat Engagement fund.
- 2) To agree to the proposed changes to the eligibility criteria to encourage greater take-up of the grant.

(References – Planning Committee 8 August 2014 (item 6); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

4. Corporate Performance Framework- Performance for January to June 2014

An update report on Council performance against Planning strategic outcomes, was presented in line with the update of Council's Performance Framework approved by the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee in December 2013.

Decision

- 1) To note the performance for the period from January to June 2014.
- 2) To request an interim performance report to be brought to the December 2014 Committee.

(References – Planning Committee 3 December 2013 (item 6); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)