

Notice of meeting and agenda

Planning Committee

10.00 am, Monday, 11 December 2017

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

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1. Order of business

- 1.1 Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

2. Declaration of interests

- 2.1 Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

3. Deputations

- 3.1 If any

4. Minutes

- 4.1 Planning Committee of 12 October 2017 – (circulated - submitted for approval as a correct record)

5. Planning Policy

- 5.1 SESplan Operating Budget 2018/19 – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)

6. Planning Process

- 6.1 Planning Enforcement Charter - Statutory Review – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)

7. Planning Performance

- 7.1 None

8. Conservation

- 8.1 Restalrig Conservation Area Designation – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)
- 8.2 Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site Management Plan – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)

9. Motions

9.1 Motion by Councillor Booth

- 1) Notes the 2007 Sullivan report, “A low-carbon building standards strategy for Scotland”, commissioned by and reporting to the Scottish Government, which recommended that Scottish building standards be upgraded to deliver “net zero carbon buildings (i.e. space and water heating, lighting and ventilation) by 2016/17” and notes that, at the time, the Scottish Government accepted these recommendations;
- 2) Notes the subsequent 2013 Sullivan update report which recommended suspending the 2016/17 change, due to the 2007-8 economic downturn;
- 3) Further notes the reply to parliamentary question S5W-12770 on 27 November 2017 from Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Local Government and Housing, that “the Scottish Government have no plans to set a date for the delivery of net zero carbon new buildings.”;
- 4) Notes that the Edinburgh Standards for Sustainable Building were approved by Planning Committee on 5 October 2006, requiring carbon standards for new buildings above building regulations, but were subsequently revised at Planning Committee on 5 August 2010 when they were effectively rendered obsolete by the change to Scottish building regulations that came into force on 1 October 2010;
- 5) Notes that nearly half of UK carbon dioxide emissions are associated with buildings, and that the Local Development Plan (LDP) states that energy standards in building regulations are “expected to rise over the LDP period” (paragraph 157, policy Des 6, Sustainable Buildings), while the council's Sustainable Energy Action Plan also assumes improved energy standards in building regulations;
- 6) Notes that a failure to improve energy standards in building regulations could undermine the ability of the council to achieve its carbon emissions reductions targets;
- 7) Therefore agrees to receive a report within 3 cycles setting out:
 - a) the feasibility of introducing an Edinburgh Standard for Zero-Carbon New Buildings, either through an adjustment to the wording of the current policy Des6

of the LDP and/or through some other means, which would require new buildings in Edinburgh to be net zero-carbon, as defined in the 2007 Sullivan report;

- b) the role that 'allowable solutions', as defined in the 2013 Sullivan update report, could play in achieving this new standard; and
- c) a proposed timetable for introducing this new standard, and including the feasibility of a mechanism to suspend the new standard if Scottish Building Regulations are eventually improved to require net zero-carbon new buildings, as recommended in the 2007 Sullivan report.

Laurence Rockey

Head of Strategy and Insight

Committee Members

Councillors Gardiner (Convener), Booth, Child, Dixon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Mitchell, Mowat, Osler, Ritchie and Staniforth.

Information about the Planning Committee

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