

Planning Committee

2.00 pm, Wednesday 30 May 2018

Present

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

1. Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the Planning Committee of 14 March 2018 as a correct record.

2. Business Bulletin

The Planning Business Bulletin of 30 May 2018 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin

4. Review of Planning Guidance: Advertisements, Sponsorship and City Dressing

The existing policy on Advertisements, Sponsorship and City Dressing required revision to address the increasing move towards digital advertising and its potential impact on amenity and public safety.

Wide-ranging consultation exercises were proposed to explore the opportunities, concerns and issues surrounding all types of outdoor advertising including digital.

Decision

1. To agree the review of the planning guidance and the revised focus on outdoor advertising and sponsorship; and
2. To agree the proposed consultation themes and exercises.
3. To include the Edinburgh Architectural Association, Stockbridge Traders and appropriate cultural organisations as consultees and adding a question to gauge public views on the amount of existing advertising with the inclusion of a scale from 1 – 10.

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

5. Compulsory Purchase Orders for Pennywell Town Centre

Approval was sought to serve a Compulsory Purchase Orders in respect of three homes at 41/6 Pennywell Road, 47/9 Pennywell Road and 47/10 Pennywell Road and in respect of the commercial leases at 61 Pennywell Road, 59 Pennywell Road, 55a-57 Pennywell Road, 53a Pennywell Road, 39 Pennywell Road, 45a Pennywell Road, 47a Pennywell Road and 9 Pennywell Court.

These were required to enable the next phases of the Pennywell/Muirhouse Civic Centre redevelopment.

Decision

1. To agree to pursue a CPO for the homes at 41/6 Pennywell Road, 47/9 Pennywell Road and 47/10 Pennywell Road and instructs the Head of Legal, Risk and Compliance to commence proceedings;
2. To agree to pursue a CPO for the commercial leases at 61 Pennywell Road, 59 Pennywell Road, 55a-57 Pennywell Road, 53a Pennywell Road, 39 Pennywell Road, 45a Pennywell Road, 47a Pennywell Road and, 9 Pennywell Court and instructs the Head of Legal, Risk and Compliance to commence proceedings;
3. To note that it was intended to submit a draft Compulsory Purchase Order to the next available meeting of the City of Edinburgh Council for authority to exercise compulsory purchase powers; and
4. To note that the Council will continue to seek a negotiated purchase of the homes and leases in parallel with the CPO process.

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

6. Planning and Building Standards Service Improvement Action Plans for 2018/19 and Review of Customer Service Charter

Details were provided of the Planning and Building Standards Service Improvement Action Plans for 2018/19 and the review the Customer Service Charter.

The Planning Service Improvement Action Plan required the Committee's approval as it would be incorporated into the Planning Performance Framework for 2017/18.

The report also sought approval of changes to the Planning and Building Standards Customer Service Charter to reflect the latest national building standards performance targets.

Decision

1. To approve the Planning Service Improvement Action Plan for 2018/19;
2. To note the Building Standards Service Improvement Action Plan 2018/19;
3. To note that a further report on broader three year improvement plans for Planning and Building Standards would be presented to a future meeting of the Planning Committee;

4. To approve the changes to the Planning and Building Standards Customer Service Charter; and
5. The Scottish government Audit Report to be circulated to members
(Reference – Planning Committee 14 March 2018 (item 6); report by the Executive Director of Place; submitted.)

7. Implementing the Programme for the Capital: Coalition Commitments

A report was presented which included the final set of indicators which would be used to monitor progress made against the 52 Coalition Commitments which had been agreed by the Council.

Decision

To note the set of indicators set out in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

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

8. Edinburgh Local Development Plan 2: Project Overview

On 22 March 2018 the Housing and Economy Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Place which provided an overview of the Edinburgh Local Development Plan 2 (LDP 2) project process.

The report had been referred to the Planning Committee for information.

Decision

To note the report

(Reference – Housing and Economy Committee 22 March 2018 (item 6); report by the Executive Director of Place; submitted.)

9. Supplementary Guidance on Short Term Lets – Motion by Councillor Staniforth

The following motion by Councillor Staniforth was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16.

Committee:

- 1) Recognises that a working group has been established to address issues around short term lets in the city.
- 2) Notes that there is currently only very limited planning guidance on short term lets and that this guidance is open-ended and liable to significant variation in interpretation.
- 3) Notes that current guidance indicates the factors that will be taken into account in

deciding whether planning consent will be granted but fails to make clear the circumstances in which planning consent will be required.

- 4) Notes that the issue of short term lets has grown very rapidly in scale in recent years and that clearer planning guidance is urgently required.
- 5) Resolves that there will be a report to the committee which will include new draft supplementary planning guidance for short term lets within two cycles.
- 6) Further resolves that in preparing the updated draft guidance, officers should consult with the working group to ensure that it is compatible with future, wider solutions to the issue of short term lets.

Decision

To note the motion had been withdrawn