

Motions and Amendments

Planning Committee

2.00 pm Wednesday, 11th August, 2021

Virtual Meeting - via Microsoft Teams

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Amendment by the Conservative Group

Planning Committee

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Item 7.1 - Short-Term Let Area of Control

Committee

Agrees to proceed with the consultation as proposed in the recommendations but that recommendation 1.1.1 should be altered such that the consultation should seek the public view on a choice of control areas between:

A) the entire Council area

OR

B) a control area covering the wards where there are high concentrations of STLs namely City Centre/Leith/LeithWalk/Inverleith/Southside and Newington

OR

C) no control area.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor

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Amendment by the Green Group

Planning Committee

11 August 2021

Item 7.1 Short-Term Let Area of Control

In recommendations add new paragraphs as follows:

“1.1.5 Notes that one of the main justifications for the STL control area is the loss of residential housing to STLs; notes with regret that the current (2016) Local Development Plan has no policies on loss of housing, and therefore notes with regret that this cannot currently be used as grounds for refusing an STL application; notes that the Choices for City Plan consultation did include a policy on loss of housing which, if approved in a new plan by this committee, may enable this to be taken into account in the future;

1.1.6 Notes that the current guidance on Short-Term Lets is limited to a single paragraph in the Guidance for Businesses (p.9), but that while this outlines factors to be considered, it does not offer firm advice on what is likely to be acceptable and what is not; agrees that businesses proposing STLs, as well as residents with an STL in their neighbourhood, would benefit from clearer guidance on what is, and what is not, likely to be acceptable, and therefore agrees to bring forward draft guidance as soon as possible on STLs.”

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Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 8.2 Training and Awareness Raising Programme

In recommendations add new paragraph as follows:

“1.2 Notes the decision of Policy & Sustainability Committee on 20 April 2021 to roll out carbon literacy training to key staff and elected members, and therefore agrees that all elected members of the Planning Committee should be offered, and be encouraged to attend, carbon literacy training, and that carbon literacy will be included in the elected member training and awareness programme in future.”

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Amendment by the Green Group

Planning Committee

11 August 2021

Item 9.2 Edinburgh Local Development Plan: Action Programme 2021 – adoption

In recommendations add new paragraphs as follows:

“1.2 Notes the decision of Planning Committee on 23 January 2019, “to agree that officers would work on costings for active travel on T7 projects, subject to discussions with the active travel team to identify which projects would be taken forward by the Council and therefore should be costed.”

1.3 Notes with regret that none of the T7 projects on pages 11-13 of the Action Programme at appendix 1 of the current report appear to have been costed;

1.4 Agrees that active travel infrastructure, is crucial to delivering the council’s commitments to a net zero carbon city;

1.5 Therefore agrees to receive an urgent report within two cycles on how delivery of active travel infrastructure through the LDP Action Programme can be accelerated.”

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Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 11.1 Motion by Cllr Rose – uPVC windows

Delete points 4 to 6 and insert:

“4. Notes that high energy efficiency can be obtained by timber framed sash and case double or triple glazed windows, and that, where properly maintained, these will often have a longer life than uPVC windows;

5. Notes that advice and financial assistance towards the cost of energy efficiency improvements, including the installation of energy efficient windows, can be obtained from the Energy Saving Trust and Home Energy Scotland;

6. Agrees that improvements to the energy efficiency of homes is essential to tackle the climate crisis and achieve the council’s net zero carbon target, but that energy efficiency improvements can and should be made in a way that is sympathetic to the period features of many of our older homes, and the special character of our conservation areas;

7. Requests an update to committee members on the advice and financial assistance that is available to citizens to undertake energy efficiency improvements, including to the windows in their homes.

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