

Minutes

Planning Committee

2.00pm, Wednesday 2 October 2019

Present

Councillors Gardiner (Convener), Booth, Child, Gordon, Griffiths, Mitchell, Mowat, Osler, Rose and Staniforth (substituting for Councillor Campbell).

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Planning Committee of the 7 August 2019 as a correct record.

2. Business Bulletin

The Business Bulletin of the 7 August 2019 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree that the Convener of the Planning Committee would write to Scottish Ministers on behalf of the Planning Committee to ask if they intended to ask the Council for further information regarding Supplementary Guidance, and to ask what the issues were that had led to a delay in approving the Guidance.
- 2) To agree that officers would inform members of the Planning Committee when the start date would be for one of the posts they had recruited to.
- 3) To agree that the Building Standards Performance table would be reinserted into the Business Bulletin, and the Business Bulletin would be re-published on the Council's website.
- 4) To agree that officers would liaise with Committee Services about whether Councilors Code of Conduct Training should be part of wider elected members training and whether it would be beneficial to provide refresher training.
- 5) To agree that that the report on West Edinburgh considered by the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 1 October 2019 would be circulated to members of the Planning Committee.
- 6) To agree that officers would have a discussion with elected members about providing further guidance on commenting and/or declaring interests in relation to reports that were considered by more than one Committee and that had a relationship with planning applications that would be considered by the Development Management Sub-Committee.
- 7) To otherwise note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

3. Regional Planning in South East Scotland – referral report from the SESplan Joint Committee

Details were provided of the SESplan Joint Committee on revised Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal (ESESCRD) arrangements for the provision of a Regional Growth Framework (RGF) and the role of spatial planning and the decision taken by the SESplan Joint Committee on the 3 September 2019.

Decision

- 1) To note the proposals for the Regional Growth Framework (RGF) to form part of the Edinburgh and South East City Region Deal arrangements and that included coordination between RGF, spatial planning and any Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) that the City of Edinburgh Council might be part of under emerging provisions of the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019.
- 2) To note that the existing South East Scotland Strategic Planning Authority (SESplan) could provide for this coordinating function in the interim until an agreed RSS governance was extant, as approved by the SESplan Joint Committee.
- 3) To agree the SESplan recommendation in respect of City Region Deal and spatial planning.
- 4) To agree that the Convener of the Planning Committee would write to the Convener of the SESplan Joint Committee to affirm that a Draft Regional Spatial Concept should precede the associated workstreams which through an iterative process would contribute to the Regional Spatial Strategy.

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

4. Housing Land Audit Completions Programme 2019

An update was provided on the supply of housing land and the delivery of new homes based upon the findings of the 2019 Housing Land Audit and Completions Programme (HLACP) and assessed the adequacy of the land supply against the housing land requirement that was set by the Strategic Development Plan (SDP).

Decision

- 1) To note the findings of the report and Appendix 1, 'The Housing Land Audit and Completions Programme 2019'.
- 2) To refer the report to the SESplan Project Board for information.
- 3) To refer the report to the Scottish Government to assist in the ongoing development of planning practice in relation to housing delivery and measuring the availability of the land.
- 4) To refer the report to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee for information.

(References – Planning Committee, 7 August 2019 (item 7); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

5. Community Engagement in Planning – Update on Progress

Committee considered a report that provided an update on the progress made by the service in terms of expanding community engagement in the planning system. The report highlighted successes and lesson learnt.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made since the last report considered by the Planning Committee of the 14 March 2018.
- 2) To note that a further progress report would be brought back to a future Planning Committee.

(References – Planning Committee, 14 March 2018 (item 1); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

6. Street Naming Procedures

Committee considered a report that responded to a motion by Councillor Cameron that was approved by Full Council on the 22 August 2019. The motion stated “Council calls for a report to Planning Committee on how street names are chosen and how local citizens can make suggestions for additions to the ‘bank’ of potential names. The report should cover any changes in policy required to ensure that, when a street is named after a person, a woman’s name is given priority.”

When addressing a street, Street Names were generally selected from the Street Name Bank by the Street Naming Officers and then approved by the relevant Ward and Community Councillors.

In response to the motion, section 2 of the Statutory Addressing Charter had been amended to ensure that when a street was being named after a person priority was given to the use of a woman’s name where possible.

Decision

- 1) To note the process outlined in the report for the inclusion of names in the Street Name Banks.
- 2) To approve the revised Statutory Addressing Charter.
- 3) To agree that the report discharged the remit set by Full Council of the 22 August 2019.

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