

Minutes

Additional Planning Committee

9.00am, Wednesday 12 August 2020

Present

Councillors Gardiner (Convener), Child (Vice-Convener), Booth, Mary Campbell, Dixon (substituting for Councillor Gordon), Griffiths, Mitchell, Mowat, Munn, Osler and Rose.

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee of 18 March 2020 as a correct record.

2. Choices for City Plan 2030 – Consultation Key Findings and Next Steps

Committee considered a report on the key messages that had emerged from the public consultation on Choices for City Plan 2030, the statutory main issues report for City Plan 2030 (the next Local Development Plan (LDP) for Edinburgh), the next steps required to proceed, including technical work and consideration of the impact measures to control Covid-19 and to approve a revised Development Plan Scheme which set out the changed timescales for the Proposed Plan, period of representation, examination and adoption.

Motion

- 1) To note the level of response to, and the key findings of, the consultation on Choices for City Plan 2030 as summarised in the report and set out in Appendix 1 to the report,
- 2) To note the additional month in which the Council accepted responses to the consultation as a response to the Covid-19 crises and lockdown measures out in place by the UK and Scottish Governments in the weeks before the consultation end date of 30 March 2020.
- 3) To note the need to consider the consultation findings in full and come to a “settled view of the Council” on the strategy, sites and policy content of City Plan 2030 as a proposed Local Development Plan (LDP) to be reported back to Committee as set out in the revised Development Plan Scheme as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

- 4) To note the technical work that was required to be carried out to prepare the Proposed Plan for Committee consideration and Examination in Public, as key stages in the process before a plan could be considered for adoption, and the need to consider impacts of Covid-19 measures and effects on the technical work.
 - 5) To agree the updated Development Plan Scheme as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.
- Moved by Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Child

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the level of response to, and the key findings of, the consultation on Choices for City Plan 2030 as summarised in the report and set out in Appendix 1 to the report, and to further note that 1,800 responses had been made to the consultation, an increase of over 400% on the numbers responding to the corresponding stage of the Local Development Plan, and that social media reached over 26,000 people with over a million social media impressions. To agree that this was a significant achievement, especially during the current Covid crisis, and thanked Council Planning staff for their hard work and dedication in making the consultation a success in difficult circumstances.
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- 4) To note the very strong local feeling around certain development sites identified in the consultation document and to also note that over three quarters of respondents favoured a ‘brownfield’ spatial strategy and expected that these views would be given due consideration in the forthcoming draft plan.
- 5) To note the very positive responses from consultees on a range of choices, with many options receiving more than 90% support; that none of the preferred choices received less than 50% support, and therefore agreed that the draft plan be presented to Committee in due course should give due consideration

to the strong appetite for change that these consultation responses represented.

- 6) To note the technical work that was required to be carried out to prepare the Proposed Plan for Committee consideration and Examination in Public, as key stages in the process before a plan could be considered for adoption, and the need to consider impacts of Covid-19 measures and effects on the technical work.
- 7) To agree the updated Development Plan Scheme as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Mary Campbell

Amendment 2

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- 5) To reject the Development Plan Scheme noted at Appendix 2 of the report and to request that officers revised this to postpone the date of delivery for the LDP until November 2022 and to communicate this to the Scottish Government noting that in the Scottish Policy Planning and Housing - Proposed Amendments Consultation the papers stated:

“We expect that more development plans will extend beyond five years in the coming months and are keen to support authorities in adapting to the current circumstances”.

- 6) To consider that extending the current development plan timetable at this stage allowed the completion of important technical documents including the Transport Appraisal, and more information to come forward on the underlying assumptions of the plan which presumed a high growth environment which may be altered given the current pandemic and likely entry into recession.
- 7) To request that officers brought back the revised scheme in one cycle.

- Moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Mitchell

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	8 votes
For the amendment	-	3 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors Booth, Mary Campbell, Child, Dixon, Gardiner, Griffiths, Munn and Osler.

For the amendment: Councillors Mitchell, Mowat and Rose.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Gardiner:

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