

Minutes

Planning Committee

2.00pm, Wednesday 30 September 2020

Present

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

1. Deputation – Inch Community Association

A written deputation from the Inch Community Association on the zoning of houses in Inch Park's plant nurseries was circulated to Committee.

Decision

To agree that Committee Services would contact the deputation to suggest that their submission was recirculated to Committee when there was a report on the agenda that related to the concerns they had raised.

2. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee of 2 September 2020 as a correct record.

3. Financial Implications of addressing potential short term lets

Committee considered a report on the 2 September 2020 on Short Term Letting in Edinburgh. This was prepared in response to Council agreeing a motion by Councillor Staniforth on 28 July 2020, as amended, to ask the Chief Planning Officer to prepare a response to issues contained in a report on commercial short term lets published by Andy Wightman MSP.

On the 2 September 2020, Committee noted that paragraph 6 of the report did not include an estimate of the cost of commencing enforcement action against any of those 380 properties identified in Andy Wightman MSP's report. It was therefore agreed to bring a further report to Committee, within one cycle, to set out the likely cost of commencing enforcement action on those 380 properties.

Motion

- 1) To note the financial implications of the three scenarios set out in paragraphs 4.7 – 4.16 of the report.

- 2) To note that any individual report of a short term let to the Council's 'Report Possible Breach of Planning Controls Form' webpage would be fully investigated.

- moved by Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Child

Amendment

- 1) To note the financial implications of the three scenarios set out in paragraphs 4.7 to 4.16 of the report.
- 2) To note that any individual report of a short term let to the Council's 'Report Possible Breach of Planning Controls Form' webpage would be fully investigated.
- 3) To note the collaborative work of the Short Term Lets Working Group and to welcome the current Scottish Government consultation on changes to the planning and regulatory regime around Short Term Lets, and to note that officers were currently preparing a favourable response and that this would be circulated to members shortly.
- 4) To note that Scenario 2 (determine ownership) in the current report could be contained within current budgets, and therefore to agree to pursue this option, whilst making every effort to minimise impact on existing enforcement activity, for example, by making use of staff currently on the redeployment pool to undertake this work.
- 5) To agree to receive a further report once the work to determine ownership had been completed.
- 6) To further agree to forward the report, and a copy of the 'determine ownership' report, once available, to the Short Term Lets Working Group for consideration.

- moved by Booth, seconded by Councillor Main

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), paragraph 3 of the Green Group amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	7 votes
For the amendment	-	3 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors Child, Doran, Gardiner, Mitchell, Mowat, Munn and Rose.

For the amendment: Councillors Booth, Main and Osler.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Gardiner:

- 1) To note the financial implications of the three scenarios set out in paragraphs 4.7 – 4.16 of the report.
- 2) To note that any individual report of a short term let to the Council's 'Report Possible Breach of Planning Controls Form' webpage would be fully investigated.
- 3) To note the collaborative work of the Short Term Lets Working Group and to welcome the current Scottish Government consultation on changes to the planning and regulatory regime around Short Term Lets, and to note that officers were currently preparing a favourable response and that this would be circulated to members shortly.

(References – Planning Committee, 2 September 2020 (item 3); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)