

Minutes

Planning Committee

2.00pm, Wednesday 18 January 2023

Present

Councillors Dalglish (Convener), Beal, Booth, Cameron, Gardiner, Hyslop, Jones, Mowat, O'Neill and Osler.

1. Minutes

Decision

- 1) To approve the minute of the Planning Committee of 2 November 2022 as a correct record.
- 2) To approve the minute of the Planning Committee of 30 November 2022 as a correct record.

2. Business Bulletin

The Planning Committee Business Bulletin for 18 January 2023 was submitted.

Decision

- 1) To note the Business Bulletin.
- 2) To agree that the Chief Planning Officer would look at ways that the Council could ensure planning policies were being enforced and to look into whether the issue of housing loss was raised in enforcement enquiries.
- 3) To agree that Officers would share details of student accommodation with regard to the housing market update.
- 4) To agree to circulate a briefing with details regarding the formation and composition of the Seafield Sounding Board and to agree that the membership would be reviewed as it listed the previous Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee as a member.

(Reference – Business Bulletin 18 January 2023, submitted.)

3. National Planning Framework 4: Update

An update was provided on the Revised Draft National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) which was expected to be adopted by Ministers in early 2023.

Decision

- 1) To note National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) was approved by the Scottish Parliament and was expected to be adopted by Ministers in early 2023. NPF4 would form part of the Council's development plan.
- 2) To note the new policy framework (Appendix 1 of the report) which would be used to guide planning decisions.
- 3) To delegate authority to officers to update the Policy Framework.
- 4) To note the policy framework would be uploaded on to the Council website and a link would be shared with Members of the Committee.

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

4. Edinburgh Urban Design Panel - Annual Review

Details were provided of the findings from the annual review of the Edinburgh Urban Design Panel's work. A series of recommendations and actions were proposed for approval.

Motion

- 1) To note the findings of the Edinburgh Urban Design Panel's annual review.
 - 2) To record Committee's appreciation for the voluntary contributions made by the Panel members to the design review process.
 - 3) To agree to a liaison meeting with members of the Panel.
 - 4) To agree the revised Remit, Function, Roles and Procedures of the Panel, as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.
- moved by Councillor Dalgleish, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Amendment

- 1) To note the findings of the Edinburgh Urban Design Panel's annual review.
- 2) To record Committee's appreciation for the voluntary contributions made by the Panel members to the design review process.
- 3) To agree to a liaison meeting with members of the Panel.
- 4) At this meeting, discuss gender mainstreaming, review the gender balance of the panel and membership organisations, and identify gaps in intersectional views and processes.
- 5) Welcome the interest in training on women's equality and, in light of the introduction of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), identify where other equality and inclusion training was necessary and how strong the Panel's impact would be with regards to these issues.
- 6) Request a briefing on how the views and experiences of minority groups were represented on the Panel - and in the Planning process - with specific reference to impact assessments.

- 7) To agree the revised Remit, Function, Roles and Procedures of the Panel, as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.
- moved by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Booth

In terms of Standing Order 22(12), the Amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Dalglish:

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- 4) At this meeting, discuss gender mainstreaming, review the gender balance of the panel and membership organisations, and identify gaps in intersectional views and processes.
- 5) Welcome the interest in training on women's equality and, in light of the introduction of National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), identify where other equality and inclusion training was necessary and how strong the Panel's impact would be with regards to these issues.
- 6) Request a briefing on how the views and experiences of minority groups were represented on the Panel - and in the Planning process - with specific reference to impact assessments.
- 7) To agree the revised Remit, Function, Roles and Procedures of the Panel, as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.

(References – Planning Committee, 23 February 2022 (item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)