

# Amendment by the Green Group

## Planning Committee

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Item 7.1 Annual Review of Guidance

Delete recommendations and insert:

“Committee:

- 1) Notes the decision of full council on 9 February 2023 to declare a nature emergency, "recognising the current state of nature, its inherent value and the crucial role its recovery and restoration will play in realising climate targets";
- 2) Notes policy 1 of national planning framework 4 that, "when considering all development proposals, significant weight will be given to the global climate and nature crises", and policy 3 on biodiversity which sets out a number of requirements;
- 3) Further notes that guidance is awaited which sets out how developers should address these issues, which is likely to come to committee once City Plan 2030 completes its examination stage;
- 4) Notes that NPF4 was approved by the Scottish Government in February, and already forms part of our development plan;
- 5) Subject to point 6, approves the planning guidance review programme for 2023 as set out in appendix 1, and notes the proposed change to the policy context for the planning guidance as set out in appendix 1.
- 6) Agrees that the nature emergency demands urgent action, and therefore agrees to receive a report within 2 cycles setting out how the planning system in Edinburgh can respond to the nature emergency, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - a) consideration of whether developers can be required or encouraged to deliver nature positive interventions such as bee bricks or swift boxes;
  - b) providing detailed guidance on compliance with policies 1 and 3 of NPF4;
  - c) integrating nature-based solutions into developments wherever feasible;

**Moved by: Chas Booth**

**Seconded by:**

# Addendum by the Conservative Group

## Planning Committee

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Item 11.1 Motion by Cllr Osler – Non-Determination

Adds:

Notes that the timescales to determine applications are short at 8 weeks for local and 12 weeks for major applications and that applications can involve multiple consultees whose responses have to be considered; that these timescales can be extended by the use of processing agreements to agree reasonable timescales and;

Asks that the Convener asks the Minister if Edinburgh can make increased use of processing agreements where applications which require multiple consultations are identified, to reasonably extend timescales to allow the planning process to hear from all interested parties and provide sufficient time for consideration of matters raised by consultees, and then revert to Committee with the outcome of any discussions for their consideration; and

Reports back to Committee the outcome of these discussions.

**Moved by: Councillor Jo Mowat**

**Seconded by: Councillor Tim Jones**