

Amendment by the Green Group

Planning Committee

15 November 2023

Item 8.1 – Affordable Housing Commuted Sums

In recommendations, delete paragraph 1.1.1; renumber paragraphs 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 as 1. and 2. respectively, and insert:

"3. Notes the council's recent declaration of a housing emergency; notes that the main barrier to the delivery of more social rented homes is insufficient grant funding from the Scottish Government, and notes that the council leader is writing to Scottish Ministers to highlight this and press for increased funding;

4. Notes the decision of committee on 14 June 2023 that reports presented to committee as part of the preparation of guidance once City Plan 2030 has been approved should include consideration of focussing affordable housing policy on tenures which best deliver affordable rented accommodation, and agrees to add this action to the committee's rolling actions log;

5. Agrees, as part of the next report on the Affordable Housing Policy Update due in Autumn 2024 that options will be presented to maximise the effective use of commuted sums, including, but not limited to, exploring the potential to use some of the commuted sums fund to bring existing empty affordable homes back into use;

6. Refers this report to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee for information;

7. Agrees to discharge the motion approved by Planning Committee on 14 June 2023.

Moved by: Chas Booth

Seconded by:

Cross Party Amendment

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Item 11.1 – Conservation and Adaptation

Removes 1.1.2 of the recommendations and inserts:

Planning Committee acknowledges and thanks officers, community groups and other stakeholders who have contributed to the consultation and workshops on the issue of conservation and adaptation so far.

Requests that Planning Officers meet with the lead from each political group on Planning Committee to discuss:

- A clear roadmap which states where responsibility for the powers regarding the issues found in this report in terms of local and national government, and specifically what powers local government has to change policy. To ascertain a clear understanding of how council policy such as permitted development and design guidance fits into the overall issues of adaptation and what further work can be done to address policy change, including discussions with the relevant Scottish Government Ministers.
- If a working group is needed as a means to fully explore the issues discussed in this report in depth and create issue focused work-streams as a result.
- What potential there is to work with established stakeholders with best knowledge on conservation and adaptation issue, as well as having a clear focus on engaging with uncontacted external organisations such as historical cities overseas, which may be experiencing similar challenges to Edinburgh, to form best practices regarding building adaptation going forward.

Planning Spokespeople will be notified and consulted before action is taken on 5.1 – 5.3 (Next Steps) section of this report.

Planning Committee requests that a report be brought back to Planning Committee in 3 cycles to agree upon the roadmap which has been discussed between Planning Officers and Elected Members.

Moved by: Cllr James Dagleish
Seconded by: Cllr Hal Osler