

# Minutes

## Planning Committee

2.00pm, Wednesday 7 August 2019

### Present

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

### 1. Minutes

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#### Decision

To approve the minute of the Planning Committee of the 15 May 2019 as a correct record, subject to the list of members that voted on Item 5 being amended.

### 2. Business Bulletin

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The Business Bulletin of the 7 August 2019 was presented.

#### Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

### 3. Strategic Development Plan 2 – Scottish Ministers' Decision

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Details were provided of the rejection of SDP 2 by Scottish Ministers and to make the Committee aware of SESPlan Joint Committee's consideration of the matter.

#### Decision

To note the report to the SESplan Joint Committee regarding the rejection of Strategic Development Plan (SDP) 2 by the Scottish Ministers.

(References – Planning Committee, December 2018 (item 2); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

### 4. City Plan 2030 – Development Plan Scheme

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Approval was sought for the new Development Plan Scheme (DPS). Planning authorities had to publish a scheme at least once a year, to set out their programme for preparing their Local Development Plan (LDP). The last scheme was reported in August 2018 and published in September 2018.

#### Motion

To approve the new Development Plan Scheme (DPS) detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

- Moved by Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Rose

### **Amendment**

To approve the new Development Plan Scheme (DPS) detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, subject to adjustments to reflect the ongoing council work to address the climate emergency, as agreed at Full Council and Policy and Sustainability Committee.

- Moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

### **Voting**

For the motion - 8 votes

For the amendment - 3 votes

(For the motion - Councillors, Child, Gardiner, Gordon, Griffiths, Mowat, Munn, Rose and Webber.)

For the amendment – Councillors Booth, Osler and Staniforth.)

### **Decision**

To approve the new Development Plan Scheme (DPS) detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

(References - Housing and Economy Committee, 7 June 2018 (item 9); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **5. City Centre Retail Core Supplementary Guidance Review**

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Approval was sought for the revised City Centre Retail Core Supplementary Guidance for consultation. The current guidance was adopted in February 2017 and formed part of the statutory development plan. Since the guidance was adopted there had been various changes in circumstance necessitating a review of the guidance. Revised guidance had been prepared for consultation following a stakeholder workshop held on 29 May 2019.

### **Decision**

To approve the revised City Centre Retail Core Supplementary Guidance for consultation.

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

## **6. Review of Planning Guidance: Outdoor Advertising and Sponsorship**

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Details were provided of the revised non-statutory guidance on Outdoor Advertising and Sponsorship for approval.

### **Decision**

- 1) To approve the revised non-statutory guidance on Outdoor Advertising and Sponsorship.
- 2) To note that further work would be required to update the Council's non-statutory Guidance for Businesses and to develop a protocol for city dressing.

(References – Planning Committee, 30 May 2018 (item 4); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **7. Affordable Housing Policy Delivery**

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Committee were advised that delivery of affordable housing requirements secured through the Affordable Housing Policy (AHP) had seen onsite housing provided in nine out of ten planning applications of 20 or more homes. The AHP provided an important source of land to support the delivery of the Council and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) 20,000 homes target. The majority (71%) of the RSL house building programme was delivered on AHP land.

Commuted sums were accepted on sites of less than 20 units in line with Policy. They were also accepted when the Council and RSLs considered onsite delivery unviable. Commuted sums were used to support the delivery of affordable housing within the same or adjacent ward of the principal development. The report detailed the updated position on commuted sums.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note 3,828 onsite affordable homes had been secured through the Affordable Housing Policy (AHP) since January 2013, with nine out of ten planning applications of 20 or more homes resulting in onsite delivery of affordable homes.
- 2) To note the use of commuted sums, as set out in paragraphs 4.12 – 4.16 of the report, to support delivery of 283 affordable homes on five sites across the city.
- 3) To refer the report to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee for information.

(References – Housing and Economy Committee, 1 November 2018 (item 12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **8. Short Term Letting in Edinburgh Update – referral from the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee**

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On 21 January 2019 the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Place on the current situation regarding short term lets and their impact on the city, following a previous report on 7 August 2018 and further research on the issue being conducted.

The report was referred to the Transport and Environment Committee to review the Planning Guidance for Businesses as referred to in paragraph 4.16 of the report.

**Decision**

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Head of Strategy and Insight, submitted.)

## **9. Edinburgh Planning Concordat**

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At its meeting on 15 May 2019 the Planning Committee considered proposed changes to the Concordat in the context of changes to the pre-application advice service. Committee asked officers to consult with the Edinburgh Development Forum and the Edinburgh Civic Forum and report back to Committee prior to agreeing any changes.

Approval was sought for a revised Edinburgh Planning Concordat.

**Decision**

To approve the revised Edinburgh Concordat.

(References – Planning Committee, 11 August 2016 (item 7); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **10. Training and Awareness Raising Programme**

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Details were provided of the proposed themes and dates for the training and awareness programme for Planning Committee members, and where relevant, members from other Council committees.

**Decision**

To agree the priorities for training and awareness raising over the next 12 months and the indicative themes for workshops.

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

## **11. Trinity Conservation Area Character Appraisal Review**

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Committee were advised that on 22 August 2018, the Committee approved an updated programme of review of the existing Conservation Area Character Appraisals (CACA). The report presented the revised Trinity CACA, which had been the subject of community consultation.

**Decision**

To approve the revised Trinity Conservation Area Character Appraisal (CACA).

(References – Planning Committee, 22 August 2018 (item 12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)