

Planning Committee

Thursday, 17th November, 2022

SPECIAL HYBRID MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Whyte (Chairperson);
Alderman Rodgers;
Councillors Bower, Carson,
Douglas, Groogan,
Hutchinson, Maskey, Murphy and Spratt.

In attendance: Ms. K. Bentley, Director of Planning and Building Control;
Ms. N. Largey, City Solicitor;
Mr. K. Sutherland, Principal Planning Officer;
Mr. D. O’Kane, Principal Planning Officer; and
Ms. C. Donnelly, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

An apology for inability to attend was reported for Councillor Garrett.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were reported.

Restricted Item

The information contained in the reports associated with the following item is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Resolved – That the Committee agrees to exclude the members of the Press and public from the meeting during discussion of the following 4 items as, due to the nature of the item, there would be a disclosure of exempt information as described in Section 42(4) and Section 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014.

Draft Strategic Policy SP1A Local Development Plan (LDP)

The Principal Planning Officer provided the Committee with an update on engagement with the Department for Infrastructure with regard to approval of the proposed wording of an additional policy for inclusion in the final adopted Local Development Plan Strategy, SP1A Managing Growth and Supporting Infrastructure Delivery.

He advised the Committee of the current position of the Department for Infrastructure and outlined both the Council and Department for Infrastructure’s proposed policy approaches. He further outlined the potential next steps for consideration.

He referred the Committee to the proposed correspondence from the Committee to the Department for Infrastructure, and he agreed to implement a small number of administrative changes to the draft, as suggested by the Chairperson.

The Committee:

- noted the information in respect of the past engagement with the DfI and the iterations of policy as set out in the October Committee Report;
- noted the presentation and additional briefing information; and
- endorsed the revised draft of the letter to the DfI that included the proposed Policy SP1A and the detail in respect of the justification and amplification to supporting policy wording.

Chairperson