

Planning Committee

Tuesday, 29th March, 2022

SPECIAL REMOTE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members present: Councillor Carson (Chairperson);
Councillors Groogan, Hanvey,
McMullan and O'Hara.

In attendance: Ms. K. Bentley, Director of Planning and Building Control;
Mr. K. Sutherland, Planning Manager (Policy);
Mr. D. O'Kane, Principal Planning Officer;
Ms. N. Largey, Divisional Solicitor;
Mrs. S. Steele, Democratic Services Officer; and
Mrs. L. McLornan, Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies

No apologies for inability to attend were received.

Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were recorded.

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 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.

Local Development Plan (LDP) draft Plan Strategy (dPS) – Update

The Director of Planning and Building Control reminded the Committee that, at its meeting held on 15th March, it had been provided with an overview of the documentation which had been received from the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) and the proposed work programme to address the requirements of the statutory Direction, which had included detail regarding the potential process for the Council to formally adopt what would be the first draft Plan Strategy to be brought forward under the new system.

She provided a further update in respect of the ongoing engagement with DfI and NI Water and on independent legal advice which had been sought in relation to the proposal for the additional policy developed in response to the DfI formal Direction.

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The Members were advised that it was proposed that the Planning Service would continue to engage with both the DfI and NI Water, with the overall approach and work programme being maintained. She reported that a meeting would be held between Council officers and NI Water the following day. She advised that the Council's endorsement of the new policy would be sought at the Council meeting of 4th April, subject to any significant additional issues being identified in discussions with the DfI and NI Water in the interim.

After discussion, the Committee:

1. noted the contents of the correspondence received from the DfI;
2. noted the the update in respect of the ongoing engagement and advice in respect of the approach to the progression of the plan to potential adoption; and
3. agreed to continue in accordance with the programme approved by Committee at its meeting on 15th March, 2022, subject to any additional issues being identified in discussions with the DfI and NI Water in the interim.

Chairperson