

MINUTES OF MEETING Strategic Planning Committee HELD ON Tuesday, 20th June, 2023, 19:00

PRESENT:

Councillors: Reg Rice (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Nicola Bartlett, John Bevan, Cathy Brennan, Scott Emery, Emine Ibrahim, Sue Jameson, Sean O'Donovan and Alexandra Worrell

9. FILMING AT MEETINGS

The Chair referred to the notice of filming at meetings and this information was noted.

10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Blake and Dunstall.

Councillor Rice, as Vice-Chair of the Committee, chaired the meeting in Councillor Blake's absence,

11. URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

13. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / PRESENTATIONS / QUESTIONS

There were no deputations/ petitions/ presentations/ questions.

14. MINUTES

RESOLVED

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee held on 23 February 2023 and 15 May 2023 a correct record.

15. PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL 2022-23 UPDATE

Officers introduced the report as set out in the agenda pack.

The following was noted in response to questions from the Committee:

- There were thresholds to determine what level an application should be treated as. Major applications were applications with 10 or more residential units, 1000sqm of floor space, or a site over 0.5 hectares. There were further subcategories – minor applications, certificates of lawfulness and approvals of details
- It was appreciated that Local Plans were not necessarily the most agile vehicles and there was not the opportunity to update them on a regular basis. The aim was to future proof the plan to cover future developments.
- There was a narrow set of legal criteria that Neighbourhood Forums were required to meet.

RESOLVED

To note the report.

16. PROPOSED DRAFT LOCAL VALIDATION LIST FOR CONSULTATION 2023

Bryce Tudball introduced the report as set out in the agenda pack.

The following was noted in response to questions from the Committee:

- In regard to small sites metric, the guidance and legislation was in the early stages. It was expected to be in place in 2024, but there would not be time to update the local validation list to reflect this metric.

RESOLVED to

1. Consider and provide comment on the proposed draft Local Validation List for planning applications set out in Appendix 1 2.3 Notes that a final draft version of the List will be published for consultation for four weeks during June/July 2023.
2. Note that the Assistant Director for Planning, Building Standards and Sustainability has delegated authority to approve the final List following consultation. This will include consideration of any consultation comments received and will be in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing Services, Private Renters and Planning.

17. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

There were no new items of urgent business.

18. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

13 November 2023

19 February 2024

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair

Date