



**PLANNING COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE 2017**

**Table of Key Adoptions**

<b>No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Summary of Key Decisions</b>
<b>1</b>	Apologies	<b>Alderman Finlay, Councillor McCandless, Councillor P McShane</b>
<b>2</b>	Declarations of Interest	<b>Councillor Nicholl – LA01/2017/0379/F (Item 5.1) Councillor McCaul – LA01/2017/0379/F (Item 5.1) Alderman S McKillop – LA01/2017/0379/F (Item 5.1) Councillor Fielding – LA01/2017/0379/F (Item 5.1) Alderman Robinson – LA01/2016/0825/F (Item 5.4)</b>
<b>3</b>	Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held Wednesday 24 May 2017	<b>Confirmed</b>
<b>4</b>	Order of Items and Registered Speakers	<b>To be received in the order as presented</b>
<b>5</b>	Schedule of Applications	
	<b>5.1</b> LA01/2017/0379/F Public Realm Improvement Scheme, Portrush	<b>Approve</b>
	<b>5.2</b> LA01/2016/1328/F Land south of 120 Ballyreagh Road, Portstewart	<b>Approve</b>
	<b>5.3</b> C/2014/0051/F Site adjacent to No 5 Circular Road, Castlerock	<b>Approve</b>

	<b>5.4</b> LA01/2016/0825/F Rear of 160C Seacoast Road, Crindle, Limavady	<b>Approve</b>
	<b>5.5</b> LA01/2017/0347/F The Ark Activity Centre, Benone Strand, Limavady	<b>Grant</b>
	<b>5.6</b> LA01/2017/0470/F 22 O’Cahan Place, Dungiven	<b>Grant</b>
	<b>5.7</b> LA01/2017/0535/F Site to the North East of 92a Strand Road, Portstewart	<b>Approve</b>
	<b>5.8</b> LA01/2017/0120/F Megaw Park, 27 Coleraine Road, Ballymoney	<b>Approve</b>
<b>6</b>	Development Management Performance	
	<b>6.1</b> Development Management Statistics	<b>Noted</b>
<b>7</b>	Development Plan	
	<b>7.1</b> LDP Establishment of a Project Steering Group	<b>Establish Steering Group</b>
	<b>7.2</b> LDP Establishment of a Project Management Team	<b>Establish Project Management Team</b>
	<b>7.3</b> Consultation on publication of the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 and Environmental Report	<b>Note and agree that Head of Planning to respond on behalf of Council</b>
	<b>7.4</b> Emergency Building Preservation Notice for 2 Atlantic Avenue and 39-41 Main Street Portrush	<b>Noted</b>
<b>8</b>	Correspondence	
	<b>8.1</b> Consultation on Planning Performance Framework for Northern Ireland	<b>Council to write to the DfI requesting extension to end of August 2017. Workshop to be held in order for Members to provide an informed decision.</b>
	<b>8.2</b> BT Consultation on Removal of Public Pay Phone at Boveedy Road, Kilrea	<b>Option 2: oppose removal, also to request phone boxes in the Diamond and Maghera</b>

		<b>Street in Kilrea are refurbished and maintained.</b> <b>Head of Planning to respond to BT on behalf of Council.</b>
	<b>8.3</b> DfC Confirmation of De Listings, Main Street, Bushmills	<b>Noted</b>
	<b>8.4</b> PAC Procedures for Independent Examination of Local Development Plans	<b>Noted</b>
<b>9</b>	Matters for Reporting to Partnership Panel	<b>None</b>
<b>10</b>	Legal Issues	<b>None</b>
	<b>10.1</b> Electronic Voting	<b>Verbal Update</b>
	<b>10.2</b> Windfarms – Social Funding	<b>Verbal Update</b>
	<b>10.3</b> Tourism NI	<b>Council to write to the Chief Executive of Tourism NI to request clarification of position of Tourism NI on wind farm developments and their comment on planning applications for such development.</b>
<b>11</b>	Any Other Relevant Business (notified in accordance with Standing Order 12(o))	<b>None</b>

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING  
COMMITTEE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC HEADQUARTERS  
WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE 2017 AT 2 PM**

**In the Chair:** Alderman McKeown

**Committee Members Present:** Aldermen: Cole, King, S McKillop and Robinson  
Councillors: Baird, Fielding, Fitzpatrick, Loftus,  
McCaul, MA McKillop, McLaughlin, and Nicholl

**Non Committee Members Present:** Alderman Hickey

**Officers Present:** D Dickson, Head of Planning  
S Mathers, Principal Planning Officer/Development  
Management Manager  
S Mulhern, Principal Planning Officer/Local  
Development Plan Manager  
M Wilson, Senior Planning Officer  
D J Hunter, Council Solicitor  
E Keenan, Council Solicitor  
J Barr, Environmental Health and Housing Manager  
B McLaverty, Environmental Services  
D Allen, Committee & Member Services Officer

**In Attendance:** T McKinney, Department of Infrastructure, Roads  
S Mullan, Department of Infrastructure, Roads  
E Murphy (LA01/2016/1328/F)  
T Ferguson (LA01/2016/1328/F)  
P Bolan ((LA01/2016/1328/F)  
M Kennedy (LA01/2016/0825/F)

Press (1 No.)  
Public (28 No.)

**1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Alderman Finlay, Councillor McCandless and Councillor P McShane.

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest were recorded for:

- Councillor Nicholl - LA01/2017/0379/F (Item 5.1)
- Councillor McCaul - LA01/2017/0379/F (Item 5.1)
- Alderman S McKillop - LA01/2017/0379/F (Item 5.1)
- Councillor Fielding - LA01/2017/0379/F (Item 5.1)
- Alderman Robinson - LA01/2016/0825/F (Item 5.4)

**3. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2017**

Proposed by Alderman King  
Seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick and

**AGREED** – that the minutes of the 24 May 2017 Planning Committee were confirmed as a correct record.

**4. ORDER OF ITEMS AND CONFIRMATION OF REGISTERED  
SPEAKERS**

**AGREED:** to receive the Order of Business as presented.

**5. SCHEDULE OF APPLICATIONS:**

**5.1 LA01/2017/0379/F – Public Realm Improvement Scheme,  
Portrush**

**\* Alderman S McKillop and Councillors McCaul, Nicholl and Fielding left the chamber at 2.06pm for this item.**

**App Type:** Full Planning

**Proposal:** Public Realm Scheme including resurfacing footways in granite and exposed aggregate concrete, decorative street lighting, feature seating areas along the promenade, new street furniture, re-arrangement of car parking at Bath Road and outside the Coastal Zone, new controlled pedestrian crossing on Causeway Street, improved pedestrian access between Bath Terrace and Bath Road, improved stepped access and wall at War Memorial.

Report, addendum and site visit details circulated.

The Principal Planning Officer presented the reports and made a recommendation to the Committee for consideration. The Officer answered queries raised by Members.

The Head of Planning clarified that any concerns on the use of materials and their maintenance, in this application, should be directed to the Public Realm Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION** – that the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in sections 7 and 8 and resolves to **APPROVE** planning permission subject to the conditions set out in section 10.

Proposed by Councillor Baird  
Seconded by Alderman Robinson

- that the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in sections 7 and 8 and resolves to **APPROVE** planning permission subject to the conditions set out in section 10.

The Chair put the proposal to the Committee to vote, Committee voted unanimously in favour. The Chair declared the proposal carried.

**\* Alderman S McKillop and Councillors McCaul, Nicholl and Fielding were invited to re-join the meeting at 2.12pm.**

## **5.2 LA01/2016/1328/F – Lands South of 120 Ballyreagh Road, Portstewart**

**App Type:** Full Planning

**Proposal:** Full application for a Hotel and Spa Complex (including conference and banqueting facilities, holiday cottages, North West 200 visitor attraction including exhibition space, tourist retail unit ( c.150 sqm ) and office space, demonstration restaurant, car/coach parking, access/junction alterations, landscaping and associated infrastructure works) on land south of 120 Ballyreagh Road, Portstewart.

Report, addendum, erratum and site visit details circulated.

The Senior Planning Officer presented the reports and made a recommendation to the Committee for consideration. The Officer answered queries raised by Members.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in Section 7 & 8 and resolves to **APPROVE** full planning permission subject to the conditions set out in Section 10.

In relation to a Member's query relating to a Public Right of Way, the Officer advised that there was no Public Right of Way on this land and no impact on the access to Ballygelagh Village.

Discussion took place on the impact on the Area Plan and the Officer referred Members to section 8.17 to 8.25 of the report and clarified that Policy PPS16, a guiding policy for an application of this nature, allowed for such a proposal on an edge of settlement site subject to a sequential test.

Other concerns raised by Members included the impact on residential amenities i.e. noise, light spillage and odour, and the Officer referred Members to Section 8.46 to 8.61 of the report.

The Chair invited Ms E Murphy Agent, representing Ballygelagh Village and Owners Association (BVOA) to address the Committee in opposition to the application. She responded to points of clarification from Members relating to easement, alternative sites, settlement limit, Policy TSM5 and PPS16 relating to self-catering units.

The Head of Planning clarified that the settlement limit was subject to the Area Plan process.

The Chair invited Mr T Ferguson, Agent and Mr P Bolan Director of International Travel and Tourism Management to address the Committee in support of the application and they responded to points of clarification from Members relating to light, noise and odour.

The Chair invited Alderman Hickey to address the Committee in favour of the application. Alderman Hickey highlighted the benefits of this application which included a need for a 4 star hotel and spa complex which would benefit local residents and well as visitors to the region and would create a substantial income. She stated that

the significant investment programme would generate new direct employment within the area and also provide indirect employment and that there was overwhelming support for this project. She also clarified that there was no suitable other lands available within the Causeway Coast and Glens area.

The Senior Planning Officer further clarified points on 4 star and 5 star accommodation already in the area, the grass roof design of the proposed building and the parking of buses and coaches.

Proposed by Councillor Nicholl  
Seconded by Councillor Loftus

- that the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in Section 7 & 8 and resolves to **APPROVE** full planning permission subject to the conditions set out in Section 10.

The Chair put the proposal to the Committee to vote, Committee voted unanimously in favour. The Chair declared the proposal carried.

**AGREED:** that there be a short recess at 3.24pm.

The meeting resumed at 3.32pm.

\* **Councillor MA McKillop left the meeting.**

### **5.3 C/2014/0051/F – Site Adjacent to No 5 Circular Road, Castlerock**

**App Type:** Full Planning

**Proposal:** Proposed No. 2 Semi-detached Dwellings

Report and site visit details circulated.

The Principal Planning Officer presented the report and made a recommendation to the Committee for consideration.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in sections 7 and 8 and resolves to



**APPROVE** planning permission subject to the conditions set out in Section 10.

Proposed by Alderman King  
Seconded by Councillor Baird

- that the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in Section 7 & 8 and resolves to **APPROVE** planning permission subject to the conditions set out in Section 10.

The Chair put the proposal to the Committee to vote, Committee voted unanimously in favour. The Chair declared the proposal carried.

#### **5.4 LA01/2016/0825/F – Rear of 160c Seacoast Road, Crindle, Limavady**

**\* Alderman Robinson left the chamber for this item.**

**App Type:** Full Planning

**Proposal:** Proposed application for Planning (CTY2a) for a single storey dwelling with detached garage.

Report, addendum and erratum circulated.

The Principal Planning Officer presented the report and made a recommendation to the Committee for consideration.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in Sections 7 & 8 and resolves to **REFUSE** full planning permission for the reasons set out in Section 10.

The Chair invited Mr M Kennedy, Agent to address the Committee in support of the application.

Mr Kennedy responded to points of clarification from Members relating to access, work deemed to have commenced on the previous application, imported waste to site and contamination, river flooding and coastal flooding plain, FLD1 of PPS15.

The Council Solicitor clarified that if planning is approved, building takes place and flooding occurs, possible proceedings against the Council could ensue.

The Principal Planning Officer and Head of Planning clarified points in relation to the alleged conflicting maps provided regarding the exact location of the flood plain in this application.

The Principal Planning Officer also clarified that a 'defended area' was the development of previously developed land protected by existing adequate flood defences.

Proposed by Councillor Loftus  
Seconded by Councillor Nicholl

- that the Committee has taken into consideration and **disagrees** with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in section 7 & 8 and resolves to **APPROVE** full planning permission for the reasons set out:

- (i) A material start has been made on the previous approval and this is a fall-back position.
- (ii) The proposal is an exception to the SPPS and PPS 15 as this is previously developed land.
- (iii) The inert material is to be used within the site and would have been used in the construction of the previous permission.
- (iv) Agent is to submit revised plans to overcome the reason for refusal with regards to access.

The Chair put the proposal to the Committee to vote, 7 Members voted for, 0 Members voted against, 4 Members abstained. The Chair declared the proposal carried.

**\* Alderman Robinson was invited to re-join the meeting at 4.30pm**

#### **5.5 LA01/2017/0347/F – The Ark Activity Centre, Benone Strand, Limavady**

**\* Alderman Robinson left the meeting at 4.32pm**

**App Type:** Full Planning

**Proposal:** Retrospective change of use of ranger/meeting room to café.

Report circulated.

The Principal Planning Officer presented the report and made a recommendation to the Committee for consideration.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in sections 7 and 8 and resolves to **GRANT** planning permission subject to the conditions and informatives set out in section 10.

Proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick  
Seconded by Alderman Cole

- that the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in sections 7 and 8 and resolves to **GRANT** planning permission subject to the conditions and informatives set out in section 10.

The Chair put the proposal to the Committee to vote, Committee voted unanimously in favour. The Chair declared the proposal carried.

### **5.6 LA01/2017/0470/F – 22 O’Cahan Place, Dungiven**

**App Type:** Full Planning

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey extension to flank and upper floor extension to rear.

Report circulated.

The Principal Planning Officer presented the report and made a recommendation to the Committee for consideration.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in section 7 & 8 and resolves to **GRANT** planning permission subject to the conditions and informatives set out in Section 10.

Proposed by Councillor McCaul  
Seconded by Councillor Fitzpatrick

- that the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in sections 7 and 8 and resolves to **GRANT** planning permission for the reasons set out in section 10.

The Chair put the proposal to the Committee to vote, Committee voted unanimously in favour. The Chair declared the proposal carried.

**5.7 LA01/2017/0535/F – Site to the North East of 92a Strand Road, Portstewart**

**App Type:** Full Planning

**Proposal:** Erection of slot block barriers with mesh fencing panels on the identified footpath. Fencing to be approximately 2m in height and have a printed banner bearing the Irish Open and Causeway Coast and Glens logos.

Report circulated.

The Principal Planning Officer presented the report and made a recommendation to the Committee for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in sections 7 and 8 and resolves to **APPROVE** planning permission subject to the conditions set out in section 10.

Proposed by Alderman King  
Seconded by Alderman Cole

- that the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in section 7 and resolves to **APPROVE** planning permission subject to the conditions set out in section 10.

The Chair put the proposal to the Committee to vote, Committee voted unanimously in favour. The Chair declared the proposal

carried.

**5.8 LA01/2017/0120/F – Megaw Park, 27 Coleraine Road, Ballymoney**

**App Type:** Full Planning

**Proposal:** Erection of 2 no ball stops, each 30m long x 8m high

Report circulated.

The Principal Planning Officer presented the report and made a recommendation to the Committee for consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in sections 7 and 8 and resolves to **APPROVE** planning permission subject to the condition set out in section 10.

Proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick  
Seconded by Alderman S McKillop

- that the Committee has taken into consideration and agrees with the reasons for the recommendation set out in section 9 and the policies and guidance in section 7 and 8 and resolves to **APPROVE** planning permission subject to the conditions set out in section 10.

The Chair put the proposal to the Committee to vote and Members voted unanimously in favour. The Chair declared the proposal carried.

**6. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE:**

**6.1 Development Management Statistics**

The report provided a list of planning applications received and decided respectively by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council in the month of May 2017.

The number of applications received has risen to 124, which was up 29 compared to April 2017. This is likely attributable to agents returning after the holiday period. Staff issued 103 planning application decisions, plus 4 Discharge of Conditions, 1 proposal of

Application notice and 7 Non-Material Change. Again, this increased level of activity is attributed to staff returning after the holiday period. The number of live applications in the system has risen slightly to 676.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Planning Committee note the update on the Development Management statistics.

**AGREED** - that the Planning Committee note the update on the Development Management statistics.

## **7. DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

### **7.1 LDP – Establishment of a Steering Group**

The Principal Planning Officer/Local Development Plan Manager presented a report to update members on work undertaken to date on progression of Local Development Plan (LDP).

Work has also commenced on the preparation of the following reports required to accompany the LDP.

- Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment
- Habitats Regulation Assessment
- Equality Impact Assessment and
- Rural Proofing

The Housing and Employment land monitoring is ongoing and the LDP Project Management Team will also be set up as per Item 7.2 below.

To ensure strategic overview and input on behalf of the whole community, as well as from the planning professionals, a high level co-ordinating body needs to be established. This group will be known as the LDP Steering Group.

In line with Councils Statement of Community Involvement, the group will include Head of Planning and the Planning Committee. An invite will also be issued to Heads of Service within Council.

It is envisaged that this group will meet quarterly to ensure the deadlines set out in Council's LDP timetable are met.

The group will play a key role in agreeing content and publication of Preferred Options Paper (POP), Plan Strategy and Local Policies Plan.

The first POP document to be published within the LDP timetable has an indicative date of Autumn/Winter 2017. The POP will be subject to a 12 week public consultation period. The responses received will be analysed and taken into account in the preparation of the next Plan.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Committee agree to the establishment of an LDP Steering Group.

Proposed by Alderman Cole  
Seconded by Councillor Nicholl and

**AGREED** - that the Committee agree to the establishment of an LDP Steering Group.

## **7.2 LDP Establishment of a Project Management Team**

The Planning Committee received a report on Establishment of a Project Management Team.

The report detailed background information on Councils responsibility for ensuring sustainable development of its area following six guiding principles.

Once Council's LDP has been adopted, this will inform the public, statutory bodies and other stakeholders of how Council sees the Borough developing up to the year 2030. The LDP cannot operate in isolation. The European Union introduced a statutory requirement that all plans and programmes that are likely to have a significant environmental effect, must be subject to an environmental appraisal, more commonly referred to as a 'Strategic Environmental Assessment' (SEA).

The report set out the legislative context with regard to Section 75 of the Northern Ireland (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006, Section 5 of the Planning Act (NI) 2011 and European Directive 2001/42/EC.

A sustainability appraisal (SA) is a systemic iterative process that must be carried out during the preparation of the LDP. Its role is to promote sustainable development by assessing the extent to which the emerging plan when judged against

reasonable alternatives will help to achieve relevant environmental, economic and social objectives. The SA will play an important part in demonstrating if a development plan document is 'sound'.

The purpose of SEA is to highlight any significant negative effects that land use change and development, brought about by the policies and proposals contained within the proposed LDP, may have on the environment only.

The first SA document is the SA Interim Report which will be published alongside Council's Preferred Options Paper (POP) within the LDP indicative timescale of Autumn/Winter 2017. The report will be subject to a 12 week public consultation period. The responses received will be analysed and taken into account in the preparation of the next Plan document, the draft Plan Strategy.

In order to oversee the implementation and publication of the SA (including SEA) and in line with Council's Statement of Community Involvement in Planning, a Project Management Team will be established comprised of Senior Council Officers, Principal Planning Officer, Shared Environmental Services and key statutory/government departments.

The purpose of the team is to facilitate key consultee co-operation in the plan making process. It is envisaged that the team would meet quarterly to ensure that the deadlines set out in Council's LDP timetable are met.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Committee agree to the establishment of an LDP Project Management Team.

Proposed by Councillor Fitzpatrick  
Seconded by Councillor Nicholl and

**AGREED** – that the Committee agree to the establishment of an LDP Project Management Team.

### **7.3 Council Consultation on Publication of the Draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-2024 and Environmental Report**

The Committee were informed that Donegal County Council had wrote to Council on 15 May 2017 advising that they had published a draft County Donegal Development Plan 2018-



2024 and an accompanying Environmental Report. The documents were agreed at a Special Donegal Council Meeting on 2 May 2017 and is available for public consultation from 19 May to 31 July 2017 during which time, submissions or observations can be made.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that Elected Members note the content of the correspondence received and agree to the Head of Planning submitting a response on behalf of Council.

**AGREED** – that Elected Members note the content of the correspondence received and agree to the Head of Planning submitting a response on behalf of Council.

#### **7.4 Emergency Building Preservation Notice for 2 Atlantic Avenue and 39-41 Main Street, Portrush**

The Principal Planning Officer/Local Development Plan Manager presented a report on the Emergency Building Preservation Notice for 2 Atlantic Avenue and 39-41 Main Street, Portrush.

The DfC, Historic Environment Division, initially wrote to Council on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 advising that they were considering listing the above properties under Section 80 (1) of the Act. This advance notice was presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Planning Committee, at which Members were updated on the planning history of the site. Members agreed to support the listing, following which, a response issued to DfC.

DfC subsequently contacted Council with a formal request to serve an emergency Building Preservation Notice on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017.

Council has powers (under Sections 81 & 82 of “the Act”) to serve a BPN on the owner and occupier of a building if it appears that the building is of special architectural or historic interest and is in danger of demolition or significant alteration.

A BPN is a form of temporary listing and provides statutory protection to an unlisted building for a 6 month period, within which time any works to the building will require listed building consent. Normally, during this time a council will consult with the Department to ascertain if the building will be permanently listed. However, in this particular case, the Department initiated contact with Council to advise that they are proceeding with the listing and due to the

perceived threat of demolition, the properties require protection until the statutory listing process is completed.

The Historic Buildings Council (HBC) has also been consulted and agreed to the listing.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Committee note the content of the report.

**AGREED** – that that the Committee note the content of the report.

\* **Alderman S McKillop left the meeting at 4.50pm.**

\* **Alderman Robinson re-joined the meeting at 4.51pm.**

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Head of Planning presented the items of correspondence:

### **8.1 Consultation of Planning Performance Framework for Northern Ireland**

Council has received correspondence from the Department of Infrastructure (DfI) dated 12 May 2017 in relation to development of the Planning Performance Management Framework.

The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) commissioned Mark Hand, Head of Planning at Monmouthshire Council to work with the 11 Planning Authorities to devise and agree a set of indicators for planning in order to develop a Planning Performance Management Framework (attached previously at Appendix 1). The objective was to make recommendations for a framework to measure performance in a proportionate and meaningful way and to use the data collected to help drive service improvements.

This framework is an ongoing piece of work that will be refined and clarified with local government. Therefore it is proposed to set up a Planning Performance Management Working Group to include both local and central government attendees to monitor and review the performance indicators.

It is intended to commence monitoring from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 with the first quarterly report being issued after June. DfI will publish quarterly reports to Councils to input data collated by Council and agree content of the reports.

Council received correspondence from the Department of Infrastructure extending the date for comments to Friday 30 June 2017.

The performance indicators to be reported upon on a quarterly and annual basis are set out in six categories:

- Plan-making
- Efficiency
- Quality
- Engagement
- Enforcement
- Outcomes (establishing systems and data gathering for the first year – will not be externally published).

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Committee decide on the preferred options in relation to each of the indicators and agree that the Head of Planning respond to DfI reflecting the Committees decision on each performance indicator.

Councillor Baird felt that more time was needed for the Committee to consider each of the performance indicators in detail, in order to make an informed decision and requested a workshop be held to consider the full details of the document.

Proposed by Councillor Baird  
Seconded by Alderman Cole and

**AGREED** – that Council write to the Department for Infrastructure requesting an extension to the end of August 2017, in order for Members to consider the full details of the document. It was also agreed that workshop would be held so that Members can provide an informed decision.

## **8.2 BT Consultation on Removal of Public Pay Phone at Boveedy Road, Kilrea**

BT Payphones consulted the Council on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017 on the removal of a public payphone at Boveedy Road, Kilrea, and have advised that the phone box has been damaged beyond economical repair. They also advise that from a review of the records the payphone has received little use during the past twelve months.

BT have advised that they are meeting their obligation to provide a Universal Service as there are other kiosks in the area. The nearest being at Maghera Street, Kilrea, which is 3330 metres away.

BT have an obligation to consult with the relevant public bodies on the proposed removal and require a response within 90 days.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that the Committee agree either Option 1 or Option 2 to the proposed removal of the phone box and to the Head of Planning responding to BT on behalf of Council.

**Option 1:** Agree to support the removal: or

**Option 2:** Agree to oppose the removal.

Further to a query from members, the Council Solicitor clarified that the subject telephone box was the traditional red type. Members raised concerns about the removal of the phone box in Boveedy Road and the state of repair of the two remaining phone boxes in Kilrea, one situated in the Diamond and the other in Maghera Street.

Proposed by Alderman Cole  
Seconded by Councillor Loftus and

**AGREED** – to recommend **Option 2**, to oppose the removal of the phone box in Boveedy Road and in addition to request that the phone boxes in the Diamond and Maghera Street in Kilrea are refurbished and maintained. The Head of Planning to respond to BT on behalf of Council.

### **8.3 DfC Confirmation of De Listings, Main Street, Bushmills**

### **8.4 PAC Procedures for Independent Examination of Local Development Plans**

**AGREED** – that the correspondence circulated in Item 8.3 to 8.4 inclusive is noted.

## **9. MATTERS FOR REPORTING TO PARTNERSHIP PANEL**

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

## **MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN COMMITTEE'**

Proposed by Councillor Baird  
Seconded by Councillor Loftus

**AGREED** - that the Committee proceed to conduct the following business 'In Committee'.

\* **Press/Public left the meeting.**

## **10. LEGAL ISSUES**

### **10.1 Electronic Voting**

The Council Solicitor advised Members that a system for electronic voting is expected to be in place by the end of August 2017.

### **10.2 Windfarms – Social Funding**

The Council Solicitor provided Members with a verbal update.

### **10.3 Tourism NI**

The Council Solicitor provided Members with a verbal update.

Proposed by Alderman Robinson  
Seconded by Alderman Cole and

**AGREED** - to recommend that Council write to the Chief Executive of Tourism NI to request clarification of the position of Tourism NI on wind farm developments and their comment on planning applications for such development.

## **MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'**

Proposed by Alderman Robinson  
Seconded by Councillor McLaughlin and

**AGREED** - that the Committee proceed to conduct the following business 'In Public'.

## **11. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS (NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 12 (O))**

There was no other relevant business.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 5.25pm.

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Chair

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