

Planning Committee  
4 July 2016

**Irvine, 4 July 2016** - At a Special Meeting of the Planning Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 11.00 a.m.

**Present**

Matthew Brown, Robert Barr, Ian Clarkson, Joe Cullinane, Ronnie McNicol and Robert Steel.

**In Attendance**

J. Miller, Senior Manager (Planning) (Economy and Communities); C. Andrews, Senior Manager (Legal Services) and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's).

**Chair**

Councillor Brown in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

John Bruce and Tom Marshall.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 10 and Section 5 of the Code of Conduct for Councillors.

**2. Call In Request: Main Street, Largs**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a call in request, in accordance with the approved call in procedure, in relation to an application for planning permission which would otherwise be determined by Officers under delegated powers.

The request, submitted in accordance with the approved call in procedure, has been made by Councillors Marshall, McLean and Gallagher that the application for Planning Permission should be determined by the Planning Committee and not by Officers under delegated powers. The stated reason for the call in request was as follows:-

"Given that this premise is in the middle of Largs Main Street - a recognised retail shopping centre - then due consideration should be given to its impact on the viability of the retail offer. At present on the south side of the Main Street there are two banks and two estate agents. On the north side there are also two banks and two estate agents. Some of these businesses are double fronted and have a large presence on the street.

Local knowledge of Members would enable the best determination of this application".

Councillors Marshall, McLean and Gallagher were unable to be in attendance at the Special meeting of the Planning Committee which had been called within the 5 days as per the procedure, but held within the summer recess period.

The Committee unanimously agreed that the application be called in and determined by the Planning Committee and not by officers under delegated powers.

### **3. Call In Request: Quarry Road, Irvine**

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on a call in request, in accordance with the approved call in procedure, in relation to an application for planning permission which would otherwise be determined by Officers under delegated powers.

The request, submitted in accordance with the approved call in procedure, has been made by Councillors Clarkson, Cullinane and O'Neill that the application for Planning Permission should be determined by the Planning Committee and not by Officers under delegated powers. The stated reason for the call in request was as follows:-

"The Quarry Road development is a high profile project which was subject to public engagement events. Given this we believe it would only be right that the planning decision for all phases of the development should be made by the Planning Committee. We therefore wish to call in the first phase application".

Councillors Clarkson and Cullinane were in attendance and addressed the Committee in support of the call in request. Councillor Clarkson referred to the community engagement and consultation that had taken place. Given the level of public interest, the application would merit consideration and determination at a public meeting of the Planning Committee, rather than by officers under delegated powers.

The Committee unanimously agreed that the application be called in and determined by the Planning Committee and not by officers under delegated powers.

The meeting ended at 11.05 a.m.