

Planning Committee
16 November 2016

Irvine, 16 November 2016 - At a Meeting of the Planning Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

Present

Matthew Brown, John Ferguson, Robert Barr, John Bruce, Ian Clarkson, Ronnie McNicol, Tom Marshall.

In Attendance

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

Chair

Councillor Brown in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

John Bell, Joe Cullinane and Robert Steel.

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. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of meetings of the Committee held on 26 October 2016 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Consultation on proposed removal of various Public Call Boxes

Submitted report by Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on an update in relation to the ongoing consultation on the proposed removal of various Public Call Boxes by British Telecom.

At its meeting on 26 October 2016, the Committee considered the report on the proposed removal of various Public Call Boxes. The Committee agreed to continue consideration to seek further information from BT on the location of alternative call boxes within 800m of those proposed to be removed, which could absorb the volume of calls had in the last 12 months in the event of removal.

Appendix 1 to the report provided a list of the proposed call box removals. Guidance from the UK's communications regulator (Ofcom) on the removal of a phone box was provided at Appendix 2 to the report. Appendix 3 detailed the consultation letter that had been circulated to Elected Members. BT supplied further information on the location of 8 call boxes within 800m of those proposed to be removed and this was appended to the report at Appendix 4. Further information is awaited on remaining call boxes and this will be forwarded to Members as soon as it becomes available.

The Committee was advised that consultation had taken place with Members and the relevant Community Councils and the Area Housing Managers for Beith/Dalry, Irvine, Kilwinning, Kilbirnie, Largs and the Three Towns.

The Committee agreed to the removals in principle with the exception of the first eight call boxes detailed in Appendix 4 to the report.

4. Control of Advertisements Policy

Submitted report by Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on proposed revisions to the North Ayrshire Control of Advertisements Policy, approved by Committee on 27 April 2016. Appendix 1 to the report provided details of the revised Policy which seeks to ensure the continued provision of appropriate guidance on specific types of advertisements which require express consent, including hoardings (both panels and free-standing), advance signs, and free-standing illuminated signs.

The Committee agreed to (a) adopt the North Ayrshire Control of Advertisements Policy (Appendix 1); and (b) delegate authority to Executive Director (Economy and Communities) to make non-significant editorial changes to the guidance from time to time.

The meeting ended at 10.10 a.m.