

Local Development Plan Committee
17 September 2019

IRVINE, 17 September 2019 – At a Meeting of the Local Development Plan Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 9.00 a.m.

Present

Alex Gallagher, Robert Barr, John Bell, Timothy Billings, Joy Brahim, Marie Burns, Ian Clarkson, Joe Cullinane, Scott Davidson, Todd Ferguson, Robert Foster, Tony Gurney, Alan Hill, Shaun Macaulay, Jean McClung, Ronnie McNicol, Louise McPhater, Davina McTiernan, Tom Marshall, Ian Murdoch, Donald Reid and John Sweeney.

In Attendance

C. McAuley, Head of Service (Economic Development and Regeneration), J. Miller, Senior Manager (Planning) and N. McIlvanney, Strategic Planning Manager (Place); A. Craig, Senior Manager (Legal Services), M. Anderson, Committee and Member Services Manager, H. Clancy and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officers (Democratic Services).

Chair

Councillor Gallagher in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Anthea Dickson and Donald L. Reid.

1. Chair's Remarks

The Chair advised on the background to the development of the modified Proposed Local Development Plan presented to the Committee for final approval and which will support the key components of the Council's Ayrshire Growth Deal aspirations, the Local Housing Strategy and the ambitious Strategic Housing Investment Programme.

2. 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.

3. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 April 2018 were confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

4. Adoption of Proposed Local Development Plan

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Place) seeking approval to modify the Proposed Local Development Plan (LDP) to reflect the Scottish Ministers' examination and to complete all procedural matters in relation to the adoption of the Proposed LDP. The Proposed Local Development Plan was set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

Councillor Billings joined the meeting at this point.

The Senior Manager (Planning) provided a presentation on the key findings and priorities within the modified LDP, including a range of additional modifications which have been accepted and incorporated into the modified Proposed LDP.

Councillors Foster and McTiernan joined the meeting at this point .

The key findings of the examination report related to:-

- the Strategic Development Areas which form part of the spacial strategy for the LDP;
- the bespoke methodology approach to forming a housing strategy which was recognised as essential to enabling the LDP to provide opportunities for private sector investment in new housing in North Ayrshire;
- work in partnership with the Council's Local Housing Strategy and Strategic Housing Investment Programme;
- support for the allocation of residential land at Portencross Road (West Kilbride), Mayfield Farm (Saltcoats/Stevenston), Lochlibo Road (Irvine, Wood Farm (Kilwinning and Camphill Drive (Kilbirnie); and
- the recommended deletion of the allocation of additional residential land at Brisbane Glen (Largs), Chapelton (West Kilbride) and Burnhouse.

Once adopted, the revised plan will be formally constituted as the North Ayrshire Local Development Plan, superseding the 2014 LDP.

Members asked questions, and received clarification, on the following:-

- the provision for 1500 new homes over the period 2018-2023;
- that issues raised in connection with development of land at Portencross Road, West Kilbride being considered as part of the planning process in relation to any application;
- the definition of 'other facilities for large and small scale power generation' in relation to Hunterston;
- the capacity for housing within the Ardrossan Harbour area and on assessments required in relation to development applications for previously contaminated land sites;
- site survey information sharing with Local Members in relation to works on previously contaminated land sites;
- possible contamination levels within sand dredged from the Hunterston decommissioning project; and
- contact with SEPA and other environmental agencies in consideration of any planning applications received for previously contaminated land sites.

The Chair of the Council's Planning Committee expressed his support for the process in development of the Plan which was easy to read and stressed the importance of the Town Centre development policy.

Councillor Cullinane, seconded by Councillor Bell moved adoption of the modified Proposed Local Development Plan as detailed within the Appendix to the report. There being no amendment, the motion was declared carried.

The Committee agreed, Councillors Barr and Ferguson dissenting with regard to the support for the allocation of residential land at Portencross Road, West Kilbride, to approve (a) modification of the Proposed LDP (April 2018) to reflect Scottish Ministers' recommended modifications as presented in the examination report; (b) the Modified Proposed LDP for submission to Scottish Ministers as the Council's intended Adopted Local Development Plan; and (c) the superseding of the LDP (2014) once procedural matters are completed to adopt the proposed LDP.

The Meeting ended at 9.40 a.m.