

Local Development Plan Committee
12 June 2017

Irvine, 12 June 2017 - At a Meeting of the Local Development Plan Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 2.00 p.m.

Present

Alex Gallagher, Robert Barr, John Bell, Timothy Billings, Marie Burns, Ian Clarkson, Joe Cullinane, Anthea Dickson, John Easdale, Todd Ferguson, Robert Foster, Scott Gallacher, John Glover, Alan Hill, Christina Larsen, Shaun Macaulay, Jean McClung, Ellen McMaster, Ronnie McNicol, Davina McTiernan, Tom Marshall, Jimmy Miller, Ian Murdoch, Donald Reid, Donald L Reid, John Sweeney

In Attendance

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

Chair

Councillor Gallagher in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Joy Brahim, Scott Davidson, Tony Gurney and Jim Montgomerie.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in terms of Standing Order 16 and Section 5 of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

2. North Ayrshire Local Development Plan 2: Main Issues Report Consultation Feedback and Direction for Proposed Local Development Plan

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on the consultation responses to the North Ayrshire Main Issues Report. The Main Issues Report consultation was undertaken between 30 January 2017 and 24 March 2017 and attracted a total of 109 responses. Common themes emerged relating to opposition to, and support for LDP2 allocating new housing land and future development at Hunterston. None of the statutory agencies that responded objected to the Main Issues Report, but generally offered comment and support to the Council as part of the process of preparing its LDP2. A summary of all representations was provide in Appendix 1 to the report.

Members asked questions and were provided with further information in relation to:-

- a review of the affordable housing policy;
- previous house building levels of 800 units per year that had fallen to around 280 and work with developers to examine ways to increase these levels, including the identification of marketable sites;
- the examination of site suitability, including the modes of transport to and from the sites;
- poor levels of commercial housing building activity that have impacted on the performance of the Council in terms of house building;
- regeneration initiatives that will include encouraging the development of gap sites;
- timescales that will be set for the development of sites over a period of years;
- the site previously operated by Volvo that has been allocated for residential, commercial and industrial use;
- discussions that are still ongoing with the developer in respect of the legal agreement for housing at Ardeer;
- the inclusion of Ardeer Point in the Ayrshire Growth Deal and LDP;
- the development of a masterplan with the owners of Hunterston that will support and attract inward investment;
- feedback from the Saltcoats Charette that will be fed into the LDP.

The Committee was advised that a further meeting of the Local Development Plan Committee will take place following further engagement with the Locality Planning Partnership and Elected Members.

The Committee agreed (a) to note the content of the summary of consultation responses, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report; (b) the intended preparation of a proposed local development plan on the basis of the preferred options identified in the Main Issues Report; and (c) that further engagement will take place with Locality Planning Partnership and Elected Members on the site selection process and development contributions prior to the consideration of the proposed LDP by the Committee.

The meeting ended at 2.40 p.m.