

Local Development Plan Committee  
28 August 2013

**IRVINE, 28 August 2013** - At a Meeting of the Local Development Plan Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

**Present**

Marie Burns, Ronnie McNicol, Robert Barr, John Bell, Matthew Brown, John Bruce, Ian Clarkson, Joe Cullinane, Anthea Dickson, John Easdale, John Ferguson, Alex Gallagher, Willie Gibson, Tony Gurney, Alan Hill, John Hunter, Elizabeth McLardy, Alex McLean, Catherine McMillan, Peter McNamara, Ruth Maguire, Tom Marshall, Alan Munro, Robert Steel and Joan Sturgeon.

**In Attendance**

E. Murray, Chief Executive; C. Hatton, Corporate Director, K. Yeomans, Head of Service (Development Planning), J. Miller, Senior Manager (Planning, Transportation and Regeneration), M. Strachan, Senior Manager (Business Development), D. Hammond, Team Manager (Development Plans), A. Laurenson, Team Manager (Regeneration) (Development and Environment); R. Arthur, Manager (Information & Culture) (Education and Skills); and D. McCaw, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

**Chair**

Councillor Burns in the Chair.

**Apologies for Absence**

Jean Highgate, Jim Montgomerie, Irene Oldfather, David O'Neill and Donald Reid.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest by Members in terms of Standing Order 16.

**2. Minutes**

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2013 was agreed and the Minutes signed in accordance with paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

**3. Draft National Planning Framework 3: Supplementary Consultation Response**

Submitted report of the Corporate Director (Development and Environment) on a supplementary consultation response for submission to the Scottish Government as the Council's final response to the draft National Planning Framework 3.

On 17 June 2013, the Committee approved an initial consultation response to the draft NPF3, on the understanding that a supplementary response would be prepared following completion of the Hunterston Competitive Advantage Study (HCAS). An extension to the consultation deadline until 30 August was secured from Government.

The HCAS was commissioned to establish the potential for employment opportunities being developed on the site with reference to commercial viability, the infrastructure existing and required, means of raising the site's profile at a Scottish Government level, and an action plan for leadership and stakeholder delivery.

The study was completed in August 2013 and, following assessment of the findings, it is considered that there is a case for promotion of Hunterston as a National Development on the terms detailed within the proposed response to NPF3 at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

There was discussion on the future role for Hunterston and Members were also advised on a site visit which had taken place at the end of March to the decommissioning facility in Shetland and on the rationale and driving force behind the visit.

Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Gallagher, moved that the Committee approve the supplementary consultation response as detailed in the report and appendices.

As an amendment, Councillor Gurney, seconded by Councillor Bruce, moved that the Committee approve the response detailed in the report and appendices, subject to the removal of any reference to 'new nuclear power' in paragraph 2.4 of the report and on pages 19, 24 and 27 of the appendices.

On a division, there voted for the amendment 12 and for the motion 13 and the motion was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed to approve the supplementary consultation response as detailed in the report and appendices.

The meeting ended at 10.40 a.m.