

Local Development Plan Committee
4 April 2014

IRVINE, 4 April 2014 - At a Meeting of the Local Development Plan Committee at 10.00 a.m.

Present

Marie Burns, John Bell, Ian Clarkson, Joe Cullinane, Anthea Dickson, John Easdale, John Ferguson, Alex Gallagher, Willie Gibson, Tony Gurney, John Hunter, Alex McLean, Catherine McMillan, David O'Neill, Robert Steel and Joan Sturgeon.

In Attendance

D. Hammond, Team Manager (Development Plans) (Development and Environment); and K. Dyson, Communications Officer and M. Anderson Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor Burns in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Robert Barr, Matthew Brown, Alan Hill, Ruth Maguire, Tom Marshall, Elizabeth McLardy, Peter McNamara, Ronnie McNicol, Jim Montgomerie, Irene Oldfather 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 28 August 2013 was agreed and the Minutes signed in accordance with paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Adoption of the North Ayrshire Local Development Plan

Submitted report by the Corporate Director (Development and Environment) which (a) advised on the Reporters' main findings arising from the examination of the Modified Local Development Plan (as submitted); and (b) sought approval to proceed with the adoption of the North Ayrshire Local Development Plan.

Scottish Ministers received the Council's Modified Local Development Plan (as submitted) for 'examination' in February 2013. The examination process is now complete and the Reporters' report was received in March 2014.

Sections 2.4-2.16 of the report summarised the Reporters' key findings in respect of Hunterston, Lawhill Farm (West Kilbride), Noddsdale Meadow and Brisbane Glen Road (Largs) and Lochshore (Glengarnock). The Reporters' modifications, as

summarised at Appendix 1 to the report, are legally binding upon the Council.

Upon adoption, the revised plan will be formally constituted as the North Ayrshire Local Development Plan, replacing the existing local plans and the Ayrshire Joint Structure Plan as a basis for making the Council's decisions on planning applications.

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

- the potential for the future development of Hunterston, given that NPF3 no longer identifies Hunterston as a national development; and
- whether Hunterston's new status represented a downgrading and if it was too late to lobby for reinstatement.

The Committee agreed, Councillors Gallagher and McLean dissenting with regard to the reinstatement of Noddsdale Meadow and Brisbane Glen Road (Largs) as new housing sites within the LDP, to (a) note all the modifications to the Modified Local Development Plan (As Submitted) commended by the Scottish Government Reporters at Appendix 1; (b) adopt and publish the plan, incorporating these changes, following Scottish Ministers' approval; and (c) set the date of adoption of the LDP as the date from which the Affordable Housing Policy will apply to qualifying development proposals.

The Meeting ended at 10.15 a.m.