

Local Development Plan Committee
23 October 2012

IRVINE, 23 October 2012 - At a Special Meeting of the Local Development Plan Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 1.00 p.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, Jean Highgate, Alan Hill, John Hunter, Alex McLean, Peter McNamara, Ruth Maguire, Tom Marshall, Jim Montgomerie, Alan Munro, Irene Oldfather, Donald Reid, Robert Steel and Joan Sturgeon.

In Attendance

I. Mackay, Solicitor to the Council, J. Miller, Senior Planning Services Manager, and D. Hammond, Team Manager (Development Plans) (Corporate Services); C. Kirk, Corporate Director and M. Armstrong, Head of Service (Logistics and Infrastructure) (Education and Skills); and M. McKeown, Committee Services Manager and L. McEwan, Communications Manager (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Councillor Burns in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Elizabeth McLardy, Catherine McMillan and David O'Neill.

1. Declarations of Interest

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

2. Proposed Local Development Plan

Submitted report by the Chief Executive on the terms of a request to revisit the decision taken by the Committee in March 2012 in respect of the allocation of land at Lochshore within the proposed Local Development Plan.

At its meeting held on 5 March 2012, the Local Development Plan Committee considered a report by the Solicitor to the Council detailing the representations to the Proposed Local Development Plan and Officers' recommended responses. Following consideration of the report, and voting on various issues, the Committee agreed (a) to approve the recommended Council response to the second and final tranche of representations for submission to the Scottish Government at a later date, subject to (i) the deletion of the two allocations at Noddsdale Meadow, Largs and Brisbane Glen Road, Largs, pending further investigation being carried out to the satisfaction of the Council; and (ii) the reallocation of the Lochshore site as countryside.

At its meeting on 14 August 2012, the Committee considered a report in relation to Noddsdale Meadow, Largs and Brisbane Glen Road, Largs. The Committee agreed not to reinstate these sites into the Modified Plan as Policy RES 2: Additional Housing Sites. At the same meeting the Committee agreed to approve the revised Development Plan Scheme.

On 12 October 2012, the Chief Executive received a request, submitted in terms of Standing Order 3, to convene a special meeting of the Committee to reconsider the part of the decision taken in March in relation to Lochshore. The request, signed by 11 Members, expressed concern about the impact of the decision on the economic development in the Garnock Valley and on the site selection for the proposed Garnock Campus.

Councillor McNamara, seconded by Councillor Bell, moved that the Committee agrees to reconsider the draft Local Development Plan to restore the housing allocation to North Lochshore in line with RES 9 and seeks to re-engage with Scottish Enterprise in developing a Master Plan for the economic development and regeneration of the Garnock Valley.

As an amendment, Councillor Dickson, seconded by Councillor Barr, moved that the decision taken by the Committee at its March meeting in relation to the reallocation of the Lochshore site as countryside should be upheld.

Following discussion, and on a division and roll call vote, there voted for the amendment Councillors Burns, McNicol, Barr, Brown, Bruce, Dickson, Ferguson, Gibson, Gurney, Hill, Hunter, McLean, Maguire, Marshall, Steel, and Sturgeon (sixteen), and for the motion Councillors Bell, Clarkson, Cullinane, Easdale, Gallagher, Highgate, McNamara, Montgomerie, Munro, Oldfather, and Reid (eleven), and the amendment was declared carried.

Accordingly, the Committee agreed to uphold its decision taken in March 2012 to reallocate the Lochshore site as countryside.

The meeting ended at 1.35 p.m.