

Local Development Plan Committee
11 March 2016

Irvine, 11 March 2016 - At a Meeting of the Local Development Plan Committee of North Ayrshire Council at 10.00 a.m.

Present

Marie Burns (Chair), Robert Barr, John Bruce, Ian Clarkson, Anthea Dickson, Alex Gallagher, Jean Highgate, Grace McLean, Catherine McMillan, Tom Marshall and Joan Sturgeon.

Also Present

C. McAuley, Head of Service (Economic Growth) and L. McVeigh, Planning Officer (Strategic Planning and Infrastructure)(Economy and Communities); and A. Little, Committee Services Officer (Chief Executive's Service).

Chair

Marie Burns in the Chair.

Apologies for Absence

Joe Cullinane, John Easdale, Willie Gibson, Ruth Maguire and Irene Oldfather.

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. Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2015 was agreed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Update on the next North Ayrshire Local Development Plan

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) on an overview of the Development Plan Scheme (DPS), which outlines the key stages in preparing the new Local Development Plan (LDP).

The current North Ayrshire LDP was adopted in May 2014. Legislation requires local development plans to be replaced every five years. While the current North Ayrshire LDP remains relevant, it will be updated to help meet the future development needs of North Ayrshire and to respond to new strategic priorities as they emerge. The DPS, at Appendix 1 to the report, set out a timetable for preparing the new plan, what is likely to be involved at each stage and of the intention to undertake 'evidence gathering' until the end of the year. The product of evidence gathering is publication of the Main Issues Report (MIR), anticipated in December 2016, and subsequent public consultation early in 2017.

Key milestones to note from the timetable include publication and consultation of the Proposed Plan in December 2017, followed by the plan's examination and adoption a year later. The DPS also includes a Participation Statement stating how and when the Council intends to engage on the new plan. Officers aim to employ a range of consultation methods, to obtain the views of as many people, businesses, organisations and communities as possible. Following approval, the design and layout of the DPS will be further refined before copies of the document are placed on the internet, public libraries in North Ayrshire, Scottish Ministers and Elected Members.

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

- a Housing Land Audit that will be undertaken which will identify all existing planning consents, including those not yet developed;
- discussions that can take place in respect of the affordable housing element of a development in respect of the development's viability;
- evidence gathering that will take place and will include consultation with the general public, community councils, locality partnerships, government consultees and agencies, businesses, landowners, developers, agents, residents' associations and other interested groups or individuals;
- the Main Issues report that will set out general proposals and identify options for planning development;
- existing policies, such as the Affordable Housing and Development in the Countryside Policies, that can be examined as part of the overall process;
- examples of changes to the allocation of sites from countryside to development sites, including the site for Largs Campus and the housing development site at Largs Road, Kilbirnie; and
- work that will continue to encourage the development of brownfield sites.

The Committee agreed to (a) note the content of the updated Development Plan Scheme, as outlined at Appendix 1 to the report; and (b) authorise the publication of the Development Plan Scheme.

The meeting ended at 10.30 a.m.