

Local Development Plan Committee
30 March 2015

IRVINE, 30 March 2015 - At a Meeting of the Local Development Plan Committee at 10.00 a.m.

Present

Marie Burns, Robert Barr, Ian Clarkson, John Easdale, John Ferguson, Tony Gurney, Jean Highgate, John Hunter, Catherine McMillan and Ruth Maguire.

In Attendance

D. Hammond, Senior Manager and L. Wells 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

Ronnie McNicol, John Bell, Joe Cullinane, Anthea Dickson, Alex Gallagher, Willie Gibson, Alan Hill, Grace McLean, Peter McNamara, Tom Marshall, Jim Montgomerie, Alan Munro, David O'Neill, Irene Oldfather, Donald Reid, Robert Steel and Joan Sturgeon.

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 4 April 2014 was agreed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

3. Commencement of the Next North Ayrshire Local Development Plan (LDP)

Submitted report by the Executive Director (Economy and Communities) which provided an overview of the Development Plan Scheme and sought approval for its publication.

The North Ayrshire LDP was adopted in May 2014. However, legislation requires it to be replaced every five years and Scottish Government advice is that it should normally take around three years to prepare a new LDP from start to finish. Work on the next LDP formally starts with publication of the Development Plan Scheme (DPS). The DPS set out at Appendix 1 to the report outlines a timetable for preparing the new plan and what is likely to be involved at each stage. The Scheme 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, going well beyond the statutory minimum, to obtain the views of as many people, businesses and organisations as possible.

The product of evidence gathering is publication of the Main Issues Report (MIR), anticipated March 2016, and subsequent public consultation. The document will set out the Council's general proposals for key planning policies and where development should happen, giving options as to how the main planning issues might be addressed by the new plan. Other key milestones to note from the timetable include publication and consultation of the Proposed Plan in January 2017, followed by the plan's examination and adoption a year later.

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

- the opportunity to consider the provision of hot food takeaways within town centres as part of the Local Development Plan process; and
- the requirement for any developer to take into consideration the health and safety and access issues of the former ICI site, which is designated for mainly industrial use.

The Committee agreed to (a) note the start of the preparation of the next North Ayrshire Local Development Plan; and (b) authorise publication of the Development Plan Scheme set out at Appendix 1 to the report.

The meeting ended at 10.10 a.m.