



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 18 OCTOBER 2021 AT 6.00 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor S Flanagan
- Committee Members Present** : Aldermen - F Agnew, P Brett, T Campbell and J Smyth
Councillors - J Archibald-Brown, H Cushinan, R Lynch, N Ramsay, R Swann and B Webb
- Public Speakers** :
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| Kim Cranston | In Objection (Item 3.1) |
| Janine Cranston | In Objection (Item 3.1) |
| Tracey McCusker | In Objection (Item 3.1) |
| Linda Brown | In Support (Applicant, Item 3.1) |
| Chris Wilson | In Support (Agent, Item 3.1) |
| Chris Cassidy | In Support (Agent, Item 3.2) |
- Officers Present** :
- Deputy Chief Executive of Economic Growth - M McAlister
 - Deputy Director of Planning (Interim) - S Mossman
 - Borough Lawyer & Head of Legal Services - P Casey
 - Principal Planning Officer - B Diamond
 - Principal Planning Officer (Interim) – S Thompson
 - ICT Change Officer - A Cole
 - ICT System Support Officer – C Bell
 - Member Services Officer - S Boyd

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed Committee Members to the October Planning Committee Meeting. The Chairperson reminded all present of the protocol for speaking, timeframes accorded and of the audio recording procedures.

In order to protect public health during the current COVID-19 emergency it was not possible to allow the public or the press to physically attend the Planning Committee meeting. The public and the press can access those parts of the meeting which they are entitled to attend via livestream (a link to which is on the Council website). The meeting minutes and audio recording will be published on the Council's website.

The Chairperson advised Members that Addendum reports relating to Items 3.2 and 3.7, the Site Visit report and correspondence received from the Department of Infrastructure in relation to Item 3.14 had been circulated to Members with hard

copies being made available in the Chamber, and, that Items 3.4 and 3.5 had been withdrawn by the applicants.

The Borough Lawyer and Head of Legal Services reminded Members about a number of issues in relation to their role as Members of the Planning Committee and their obligations under the Code of Conduct.

1 APOLOGIES

Councillor M Magill
Chief Executive J Dixon

On behalf of Members of the Committee, the Chairperson expressed condolences to Councillor Matthew Magill and his family following his recent family bereavement.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PART ONE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

ITEM 3.1 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2020/0900/F

PROPOSAL:	Proposed demolition of existing rear sub-standard attached outhouses and replacement with two storey rear extension. Demolition of existing non-complaint detached gable garage to create access to rear amenities.
SITE/LOCATION:	33 Whitehouse Park, Newtownabbey, BT37 9SQ
APPLICANT:	Linda Brown

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant planning permission.

The undernoted public speakers addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested –

Kim Cranston	In Objection
Janine Cranston	In Objection
Tracey McCusker	In Objection
Linda Brown	In Support (Applicant)
Chris Wilson	In Support (Agent)

Proposed by Alderman Brett

Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown that planning permission be granted

on the proposal being put to the meeting 9 Members voted in favour, 1 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed

that planning permission be granted for the application subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning (Interim)

Councillor Webb joined the meeting.

ITEM 3.2 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2021/0431/O

PROPOSAL: Proposed dwelling & garage on a farm
SITE/LOCATION: 40m North of No.4 Cranfield Road, Randalstown
APPLICANT: Mrs Donna Hodge

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report and associated Addendum Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse outline planning permission.

The undernoted public speaker addressed the Committee and responded to enquiries from Members as requested –

Chris Cassidy In Support (Agent)

Proposed by Alderman Brett

Seconded by Alderman Campbell that outline planning permission be refused

on the proposal being put to the meeting 9 Members voted in favour, 2 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed

that outline planning permission be refused for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions contained in the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy CTY 1 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside, in that there are no overriding reasons why this development is essential in this rural location and could not be located within a settlement.**
- 2. The proposal is contrary to the provisions contained in the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy CTY 10 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside, in that the principle of an active and established farm has not been demonstrated and that the proposed dwelling is not sited to cluster or visually link with a group of buildings on the farm.**
- 3. The proposal is contrary to the provisions contained in the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy CTY 13 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside, in that the building if permitted, would fail to achieve an adequate sense of enclosure and would not be integrated into the countryside.**

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning (Interim)

Alderman Brett left the Chamber.

ITEM 3.3 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2021/0224/F

PROPOSAL: Replacement Garage
SITE/LOCATION: 37 Abbeyview, Muckamore, Antrim, BT41 4QA
APPLICANT: Mr Damian Heffron

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse planning permission.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown that planning permission be refused

on the proposal being put to the meeting Members voted in 10 favour, 0 against and 0 abstention, it was unanimously agreed

that planning permission be refused for the following reason:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to the provisions contained within the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy FLD 1 of Planning Policy Statement 15 in that all sources of flood risk to and from the proposed development have not been identified and it has not been demonstrated that there are adequate measures to manage and mitigate any increase in flood risk arising from the development.**

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning (Interim)

ITEM 3.4 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2021/0646/O

PROPOSAL: Proposed farm dwelling
SITE/LOCATION: 50m North West of 20 Ballygowan Road, Doagh, BT39 0TR
APPLICANT: Mr Robert Hamill

The Chairperson reminded Members that this application had been withdrawn by the applicant.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning (Interim)

ITEM 3.5 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2021/0566/F

PROPOSAL: Detached garage/store
SITE/LOCATION: 37 Ballylurgan Road, Randalstown, Antrim
APPLICANT: Jonny Moody

The Chairperson reminded Members that this application had been withdrawn by the applicant.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning (Interim)

Alderman Brett returned to the Chamber during the following Item and was therefore unable to vote.

ITEM 3.6 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2020/0752/O

PROPOSAL: Site for detached dwelling with associated site works
SITE/LOCATION: Lands approx. 4m West of 20 Belfast Road, Antrim
APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Agnew

Simon Thompson, Principal Planning Officer (Interim), introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse outline planning permission.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth

Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown that outline planning permission be refused

on the proposal being put to the meeting 10 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, it was unanimously agreed

that outline planning permission be refused for the following reasons

- 1. The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement, Policy QD1 of PPS 7 'Quality Residential Environments' and paragraph 16.6 of the Antrim Area Plan 1984 – 2001 in that the proposed development:**
 - (a) does not respect the surrounding context and is considered to be inappropriate to the character of the site in terms of its layout and general arrangement; and**
 - (b) the proposed development would result in a pattern of development that is not in keeping with the overall character and environmental quality of this established residential area.**

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning (Interim)

ITEM 3.7 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2021/0805/F

PROPOSAL:	Dwelling and Garage
SITE/LOCATION:	120m East of 44 Rickamore Road Upper, Templepatrick, BT39 0JE
APPLICANT:	Mr Hunter Kirk

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report and associated Addendum Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse planning permission.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Alderman Brett

Seconded by Councillor Archibald-Brown that planning permission be refused

on the proposal being put to the meeting 11 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, it was unanimously agreed

that planning permission be refused for the following reasons:

- 1. The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy CTY 10 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside, in that the proposal is not visually linked or sited to cluster with an established group of buildings on the farm.**
- 2. The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy CTY 13 of Planning Policy Statement 21, in that the site lacks long established natural boundaries and relies on the use of new landscaping for integration and the ancillary works do not integrate with their surroundings and the proposal is not visually linked or sited to cluster with an established group of buildings on the farm.**
- 3. The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy CTY 14 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside, in that a dwelling on this site results in a suburban style of build-up when viewed with existing and approved buildings and the impact of ancillary works would damage rural character.**

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning (Interim)

ITEM 3.8 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2021/0753/F

PROPOSAL:	Change of use to restaurant/cafe with outdoor area and bin storage
SITE/LOCATION:	The Gateway, Antrim Lough Shore Park, Lough Road, Antrim
APPLICANT:	Loughshore Restaurant Ltd

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer (Interim), introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant planning permission.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth

Seconded by Councillor Webb that planning permission be granted

on the proposal being put to the meeting 11 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 0 abstentions, it was unanimously agreed

that planning permission be granted for the application subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning (Interim)

PART TWO OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 3.9

P/PLAN/1 DELEGATED PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

A list of planning decisions issued by Officers during September 2021 under delegated powers together with information relating to planning appeals was circulated for Members information.

No appeals were heard by the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) for the Council area during the month of September.

Proposed by Alderman Brett

Seconded by Councillor Webb and unanimously agreed

that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.10

P/PLAN/1 PROPOSAL OF APPLICATION NOTICES FOR MAJOR DEVELOPMENT

Prospective applicants for all development proposals which fall into the Major development category under the 2011 Planning Act are required to give at least 12 weeks' notice to the Council that an application for planning permission is to be

submitted. This is referred to as a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN). One PAN was registered during September 2021 the details of which are set out below.

PAN Reference:	LA03/2021/0870/PAN
Proposal:	South westerly extension to the existing quarry at Mallusk with phased extraction and full restoration
Location:	Lands at 140 Mallusk Road, Mallusk, Newtownabbey Newtownabbey
Applicant:	James Boyd & Sons (Carnmoney) Ltd
Date Received:	9 September 2021
12 week expiry:	2 December 2021

Under Section 27 of the 2011 Planning Act obligations are placed on the prospective developer to consult the community in advance of submitting a Major development planning application. Where, following the 12-week period set down in statute, an application is submitted this must be accompanied by a Pre-Application Community consultation report outlining the consultation that has been undertaken regarding the application and detailing how this has influenced the proposal submitted.

As part of its response to Coronavirus, the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) introduced an amendment to subordinate legislation to temporarily remove the requirement for a public event as part of the pre application community consultation (PACC). The initial Departmental Regulations were subsequently extended and given the ongoing pandemic The Planning (Development Management) (Temporary Modifications) (Coronavirus) (Amendment No.2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2021 which came into effect on 1 October 2021, have temporarily amended The Planning (Development Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and therefore the temporary relaxation of pre-application community consultation requirements during Coronavirus emergency period now apply until 31 March 2022. As with the previous Regulations applicants will still need to comply with other requirements to ensure communities are aware of and can input to major development proposals for their areas. However, this temporary change will allow major planning applications to continue to be submitted during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Guidance issued by the Department indicates that specific detail should be included in the PAN application indicating what consultation methods the prospective applicant is proposing to ensure that the local community is able to access, and comment on, information about a proposed development, despite the absence of a PACC public event.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Councillor Webb and unanimously agreed

that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.11

P/PLAN/081 DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLANNING POLICY ON HYDROCARBONS DEVELOPMENT / NEW DIRECTION 'THE PLANNING (NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS – PETROLEUM) DIRECTION 2021' (TO INCLUDE FRACKING)

Members were advised that the Planning Section had received an email from Mr. Angus Kerr, the Department for Infrastructure's (DfI) Chief Planner and Director of Regional Development on 27 September 2021 to inform the Council of the Minister for Infrastructure's decision to commence work on a review of strategic planning policy on oil and gas development, including development involving fracking.

In addition, Mr Kerr advised that the Minister has also issued a Direction titled 'The Planning (Notification of applications – Petroleum) Direction 2021'. This new planning direction requires that a Council planning authority must notify DfI when it proposes to grant planning permission for all types of petroleum development and that DfI will consider if they wish to call the application in under Section 29 of the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. If they do not call the application in, the Council may determine the application.

The 'Direction' can be accessed using the following link: www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/publications/planning-legislation-directions

Proposed by Alderman Brett

Seconded by Councillor Webb and unanimously agreed

that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.12

P/FP/LDP/1 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, QUARTERLY UPDATE (Q2) JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2021

The Council's Local Development Plan (LDP) advises that progress reports will be submitted on a quarterly basis to the Planning Committee. This report covers the second quarter (Q2) of the 2021-2022 business year (July to September 2021).

Submission of the Draft Plan Strategy to The Planning Appeals Commission to Cause an Independent Examination

Members were reminded that the Council received notification from The Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) on 03 June 2021 advising the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) has now provided the PAC with formal notification that the Department are causing an Independent Examination (IE) of the Council's Draft Plan Strategy (DPS). Notification was also received from the PAC on 16 September 2021 to advise the Council that a Commissioner has now been appointed to lead on the forthcoming Independent Examination (IE) of the Council's DPS – circulated for Members information. The PAC are now undertaking pre hearing regulatory checks

in advance of the IE. Whilst the PAC has not yet indicated any hearing dates for IE, it is anticipated these will be confirmed in due course.

To ensure the Council's preparedness for IE, Officers from the Forward Planning Team continue to engage with the Council's legal services and relevant statutory stakeholders. Should conformation of IE hearing sessions be received from the PAC, Members will be updated accordingly.

Local Development Plan, Working Group Updates

(a) Belfast Metropolitan Area Spatial Working Group

The most recent meeting of the Metropolitan Area Spatial Working Group took place virtually on 26 August 2021, hosted by Belfast City Council. Items for discussion included an update from each council regarding individual DPS preparation, and policy approach to Affordable Housing. A presentation was given to the group by a representative from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive regarding their Housing Market Analysis and other research and proposed changes to the definition of Affordable Housing. A copy of the agreed previous minutes which took place on 26 May 2021 were circulated for information. The next meeting of the Working Group is due to take place in Autumn 2021, hosted by Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council (date tbc).

(b) SOLACE DfI Transport Plans Workshop

The most recent meeting of the DfI Transport Plans Workshop took place virtually on 22 September 2021, hosted by DfI Transport and Planning Modelling Unit. A verbal progress update was provided on both the Regional Strategic Transport Network Transport Plan (RSTN TP) and Local Transport Plans (LTS). Officers will continue to engage with DfI to ensure Transport Plans coming forward align closely with the Council's LDP.

(c) Coastal Forum Meeting

The most recent meeting of the Department for Agriculture and Rural Affairs (DAERA)/DfI Coastal Forum meeting took place virtually on 24 June 2021, hosted by Ms. Fiona McCandless (DAERA) and Ms. Katrina Godfrey (DfI). Items for discussion included the groups draft Terms of Reference (TOR), agreed Work Programme, and draft Position Paper to inform Councils' consideration of coastal change when preparing LDPs. A copy of this meetings minutes were circulated for information. The next meeting of the Working Group is due to take place in autumn 2021, hosted again by DAERA/DfI (date tbc).

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Councillor Webb and unanimously agreed

that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.13

P/PLAN/1 NISRA PLANNING STATISTICS 2021/2022 – FIRST QUARTERLY BULLETIN FOR THE PERIOD APRIL – JUNE 2021

The first quarterly provisional planning statistics for 2021/22 produced by the Analysis, Statistics and Research Branch of the Department for Infrastructure (DfI), a copy of which was circulated, were released on 30 September 2021.

The Quarterly Bulletin advises that both planning activity and processing performance were impacted during Quarter 1 of 2020/21 by the restrictions put in place due to the coronavirus pandemic. It indicates that this should be borne in mind and caution taken when interpreting these figures and when making comparisons with other time periods and performance across Councils.

The figures show that during the period from April to June 2021, the total number of planning applications received in Northern Ireland was 3,983, an increase of 8 % on the previous quarter (January – March 2021), and up by nearly three quarters on the same period in 2021/22. The total number of decisions issued during this period was 3,455 up by six percent over the quarter and up over nine-tenths from the same period a year earlier.

During this first quarter period a total of 267 new applications were received by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council. Over the year all 11 Councils reported an increase in the number of applications received with the highest percentage increase in Antrim and Newtownabbey (90.7%). Seven Councils reported an increase in the number of applications decided in Q1 2021/22 compared with the previous quarter, with the increase greatest in Antrim and Newtownabbey (105.1%).

In relation to performance against statutory targets the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) figures show that the Council took on average 20.7 weeks to process and decide **Major** planning applications during the first quarter against the target of 30 weeks. This performance maintains last year's Major performance approval rate and ranks amongst the top three of the 11 Councils and also reflects well against the average processing time of 54 weeks across all Councils.

The DfI figures show that the Council took on average 14 weeks to process and decide **Local** planning applications during the first quarter against the target of 15 weeks. This performance maintains the progress achieved in last year's Local performance and ranks amongst the top three of the 11 Councils. It also reflects well against the average processing time of 15.8 weeks across all Councils.

In relation to enforcement, the DfI figures highlight that the Council's planning enforcement team took an average of 28.4 weeks to process 70% of enforcement cases against a target of 70% within 39 weeks. This compares favourably with the average processing time of 36.8 weeks and in absolute terms there was a significant drop in the number of cases dealt with during the Quarter.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Councillor Webb and unanimously agreed

that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.14

P/PLAN/080 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, PLANNING POLICY: DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING ADVICE NOTE 'IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING POLICY ON DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE'

Members were reminded that in August 2021, the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) published Planning Advice Note (PAN) 'Implementation of Strategic Planning Policy on Development in the Countryside' to provide clarification on the implementation of current planning policy. A summary of the PAN was circulated - Annex A.

It was agreed at Planning Committee that officials from DfI were to be invited to present the document to Planning Committee Members at a forthcoming workshop. A copy of DfI's response to the invitation was circulated for information. The Chief Planner has advised that he cannot facilitate this specific request.

The Council has also received a letter from Mr David Brown, President of the Ulster Farmers' Union (UFU) regarding UFU's concerns on the potential effects of the PAN on rural dwellers and communities. A copy of the letter was circulated for information.

In addition, Mr Johnathan Buckley MLA, Chairperson, Committee for Infrastructure, has also written seeking views on the new PAN. A copy of the letter and response was circulated for information.

On the basis of the above, Officers are seeking the Committees view on the new PAN as to how to proceed. A set of options was set out below for Members' consideration.

Option1: Take account of and implement the PAN in relation to the 'Implementation of Strategic Planning Policy on Development in the Countryside' with immediate effect.

Under this option, Officers would process any current/forthcoming planning applications taking into account the new guidance along with any other material considerations.

Option 2: Write to Minister Mallon seeking clarification on the status of the PAN given the concerns raised by interested parties, the outcome of Departmental engagement with the NI Assembly Infrastructure Committee and whether the PAN will be subject to public consultation and screening (including Section 75 and Rural Needs).

Under this option, Officers would hold any relevant or forthcoming planning applications significantly impacted on by the new guidance until clarification has been received from the Minister.

Option 3: Write to Minister Mallon to ask for the withdrawal of the PAN.

Officers understand that some Councils are considering legal action in relation to the PAN and in the meantime have written to the Minister to request that the PAN be withdrawn. Under this option, again relevant applications would be held until clarification has been received from the Minister.

The Chairperson advised Members that correspondence issued on 15 October 2021 had been received from the Department for Infrastructure in relation to the withdrawal of the Planning Advice Note (PAN), and this correspondence was circulated for Members information.

Proposed by Alderman Brett

Seconded by Alderman Smyth and unanimously agreed

that the report and correspondence be noted.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Alderman Brett

Seconded by Alderman Smyth and unanimously agreed

that the following Committee business be taken In Confidence.

The Chairperson advised that the livestream and audio recording would now cease.

PART TWO - OTHER PLANNING MATTERS - IN CONFIDENCE

ITEM 3.15 – IN CONFIDENCE

P/PLAN/13 PROTOCOL FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ANTRIM AND NEWTOWNABBEY PLANNING COMMITTEE, SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Further to the update to Elected Members in August 2021, regarding a potential workshop to discuss the 'Scheme of Delegation: Delegation of Planning Applications, Enforcement and other Planning Matters' (Revised December 2020), following a further analysis of decisions, PSM consultancy considers that the current scheme of delegation is working relatively well and therefore it is proposed that the workshop is postponed in relation to a *full review*.

In advance of the Council's role at the forthcoming Local Development Plan Independent Examination, Officers will consider the need to bring forward options in relation to this matter for Members consideration as well as any other matters arising on a case by case basis.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Councillor Webb and unanimously agreed

that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.16

P/FP/LDP/1/34 ENFORCEMENT: QUARTERLY UPDATE (Q1) APRIL-JUNE 2021 – IN CONFIDENCE

The Northern Ireland Statistics Q1 2021-2022 Statistical Bulletin was released on 30 September 2021 by DfI's Analysis, Statistics and Research Branch. It includes information on the Council's performance on enforcement cases measured against the statutory performance targets set by DfI.

The Q1 report was circulated and in view of the sensitive nature of some of the information it was presented in confidence.

The DfI figures indicate that the Council has concluded 80.8% of cases within the statutory target of 39 weeks during Quarter 1 and took on average 28.4 weeks to conclude.

The statistics also highlighted that the Council's planning enforcement team opened 84 cases during Quarter 1, compared to 66 during the same period last year and that 102 cases were closed which was a significant increase in the previous quarter.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Councillor Webb and unanimously agreed

that the report be noted.

NO ACTION

PART ONE - DECISIONS ON ENFORCEMENT CASES – IN CONFIDENCE

ITEM 3.17 - ENFORCEMENT CASE: LA03/2021/0085/CA

Simon Thompson, Principal Planning Officer (Interim), introduced the Enforcement Report to the Committee and made a recommendation that authority be granted to progress enforcement action to regularise the breach of planning control, the detail of which is delegated to appointed Officers.

Proposed by Alderman Brett
Seconded by Councillor Webb and unanimously agreed

that enforcement action be progressed in this case as outlined in the report with the detail of this delegated to appointed Officers.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning (Interim)

PROPOSAL TO MOVE OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Alderman Agnew
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and unanimously agreed

that any remaining Committee business be conducted in Open Session.

The Chairperson advised that audio recording would recommence.

There being no further Committee business the Chairperson thanked Members, for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.15 pm.

MAYOR