



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN MOSSLEY MILL ON TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2018 AT 6.00 PM**

- In the Chair** : Councillor P Brett
- Committee Members Present** : Aldermen – F Agnew, T Campbell, J Smyth and R Swann
Councillors – J Bingham, B Duffin, H Cushinan, T Hogg, D Hollis, M Magill and W Webb
- Non-Committee Members Present** : None present
- In Attendance** : Mr David Donaldson - Public Speaker
Ms Angela Wiggam - Public Speaker
Mr Azman Khairuddin - Public Speaker
Mr Warren McBride - Public Speaker
- Officers Present** : Chief Executive - Mrs J Dixon
Principal Planning Officer – Mr B Diamond
Senior Planning Officer – Mr K O'Connell
Senior Planning Officer – Ms J Winters
Borough Lawyer - Mr P Casey
ICT Officer – Mr A Cole
Member Services Officer – Mrs D Hynes

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The Chairperson welcomed Committee Members to the monthly Planning Committee Meeting and sought a resolution to consider the In Confidence items.

1 APOLOGIES

Director of Community Planning & Regeneration, Ms M McAlister and Head of Planning, Mr J Linden.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Bingham
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and agreed

that the following Committee business be taken In Confidence.

The Chairperson advised that audio-recording would cease at this point.

ITEMS IN CONFIDENCE

DECISIONS ON ENFORCEMENT CASES

ITEM 3.1 - ENFORCEMENT CASE: LA03/2017/0023/CA

Judith Winters, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Enforcement Report to the Committee and made a recommendation that approval be granted to progress enforcement action.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Hogg and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 7 Members voted in favour, 4 against and 0 abstentions and it was agreed as follows:

that enforcement action be progressed in this case and the detail of this was delegated to appointed Officers.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.2 - ENFORCEMENT CASE: LA03/2017/0204/CA

Judith Winters, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Enforcement Report to the Committee and made a recommendation that approval be granted to progress enforcement action.

Proposed by Councillor Hogg
Seconded by Councillor Webb and

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

that enforcement action be progressed in this case and the detail of this was delegated to appointed Officers.

ACTION BY: John Linden

Alderman Campbell arrived at this point of the meeting during the Planning Officer's Report and was therefore unable to vote on item 3.3.

ITEM 3.3 - ENFORCEMENT CASE: LA03/2017/0062/CA

Judith Winters, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Enforcement Report to the Committee and made a recommendation that approval be granted to progress enforcement action.

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 10 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 1 abstention and it was agreed as follows:

that enforcement action be progressed in this case and that 8 weeks be considered as reasonable as prior notice had been given, the detail of this was delegated to appointed Officers

ACTION BY: John Linden

PROPOSAL TO MOVE OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Magill
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and agreed

that any remaining Committee business be conducted in Open Session.

At this point the Chairperson advised there would be a short interval, with the remainder of Committee business resuming at 6.30pm when the meeting would be open to the public and audio-recording would resume.

PART ONE DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

At this point the Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded all present of the protocol for speaking and timeframes accorded.

1 APOLOGIES

Director of Community Planning & Regeneration, Ms M McAlister and Head of Planning, Mr J Linden.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

The Chief Executive 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.

The Chairperson advised members that additional information had been provided for item 3.8 and advised that item 3.4 had been withdrawn by the applicant.

ITEM 3.4 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2017/0624/F

PROPOSAL:	Construction of 44 No. dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping. The mix consists of 10No. 3P2B apts, 2No. wheelchair 3P2B apts, 4No. 2P1B apts, 10No. 5P3B houses and 18No. 3P2B houses
SITE/LOCATION:	Land bounded by Mount Street, Shore Road, Dandy Street and Newtown Gardens, Newtownabbey
APPLICANT:	Choice Housing

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

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.5 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2017/0709/F

PROPOSAL:	Erection of 4No. detached dwellings with integral garages and associated landscaping
SITE/LOCATION:	42 Circular Road, Jordanstown, BT37 0RG
APPLICANT:	Ken & Heather Knox

Kieron O'Connell, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse planning permission. The Senior

Planning Officer advised that further to the report being published clarification had been provided from the applicant by the provision of an additional drainage assessment and subsequently informed Members that the second reason for refusal for flood risk be removed.

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

- Mr David Donaldson

Proposed by Alderman Campbell
Seconded by Alderman Agnew and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 8 Members voted in favour, 4 against and 0 abstentions and it was agreed as follows:

that planning permission be refused for the following reason:

- 1. The proposed development is contrary to the policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy QD1 of Planning Policy Statement 7 'Quality Residential Environments' and Policy LC 1 of the addendum to PPS 7 'Safeguarding the Character of Established Residential Areas' and the associated guidance 'Creating Places', in that, it has not been demonstrated that the proposed development can achieve a quality and sustainable residential environment in keeping with the character and pattern of development in the locality and that incorporates a design and layout which draws upon the positive aspects of the surrounding area.**

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.6 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2016/0704/F

PROPOSAL:	Construction of 10No dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping (mix consists of 10No 3P2B Cat 1 accommodation)
SITE/LOCATION:	Vacant land adjacent to Cunningham Way, Fennel Road and 60 Fountain Street, Antrim
APPLICANT:	Apex Housing

Kieron O'Connell, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant planning permission. The Senior Planning Officer informed members that an additional letter of objection to the proposal had been received which had raised a new issue in relation to the impact on conservation within the area.

The undernoted public speaker was available for questions-

- Ms Angela Wiggam

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Duffin

that planning permission be refused on the basis that new information from an objector identified more suitable sites in the Antrim area, that the site was within a Conservation Area and the development would not enhance the area and the development would result in the loss of an existing open space area that should be protected.

on the proposal being put to the meeting 4 Members voted in favour, 8 against and 0 abstentions, the proposal was declared fallen.

In Favour: Aldermen Campbell and Swann
Councillors Duffin and Webb
Against: Aldermen Agnew and Smyth
Councillors Bingham, Brett, Cushinan, Hogg, Hollis and Magill
Abstentions: None

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Hogg and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 8 Members voted in favour, 4 against and 0 abstentions and agreed as follows:

In Favour: Aldermen Agnew and Smyth
Councillors Bingham, Brett, Cushinan, Hogg, Hollis and Magill
Against: Aldermen Campbell and Swann
Councillors Duffin and Webb
Abstentions: None

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

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.7 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2017/0578/O

PROPOSAL: Proposed infill dwelling
SITE/LOCATION: Between 61 and 63 Glenavy Road, Crumlin
APPLICANT: Mr R Nelson

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

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Hollis

Seconded by Councillor Hogg and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 11 Members voted in favour, 1 against and 0 abstentions and agreed as follows:

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

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.8 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2017/0836/F

PROPOSAL: Two replacement dwellings and associated garages

SITE/LOCATION: Lands adjacent to 20 Umgall Road, Nutts Corner, Crumlin.

APPLICANT: Mr Warren McBride

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

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

- Mr Warren McBride
- Mr Azman Khairuddin

Proposed by Alderman Campbell
Seconded by Alderman Agnew and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 9 Members voted in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention and agreed as follows:

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 CTY1 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 and it fails to meet the provisions for replacement dwelling in accordance with Policy CTY3 of PPS21 as the buildings to be replaced do not exhibit the essential characteristics of a dwelling.**
- 2. The proposal is contrary to the provisions of the Strategic Planning Statement and Policies CTY 3 and 13 of Planning Policy Statement 21 – Sustainable Development in the Countryside, in that:**
 - (a) the height, scale and massing of 'Replacement Dwelling A' is unacceptable and would have a visual impact significantly greater than the existing building which is being replaced;**

(b) and the design of both replacement dwellings is inappropriate for the site and its locality.

3. The proposal is contrary to the provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policies CTY 13 and CTY 14 of Planning Policy Statement 21 – Sustainable Development in the Countryside, as ‘Replacement Dwelling A’ fails to integrate into the landscape, the site lacks a suitable degree of enclosure and relies on new landscaping for integration and would if permitted, further erode the character of the rural area by reason of being unduly prominent and would result in a suburban style build-up of development when viewed with existing and approved buildings.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.9 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2018/0071/F

PROPOSAL:	Erection of two polytunnels
SITE/LOCATION:	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Newpark Household Recycling Centre, Orchard Way, Greystone Road
APPLICANT:	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

Barry Diamond, Principal Planning Officer, 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 Councillor Duffin
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and unanimously agreed

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

ACTION BY: John Linden

PART TWO OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 3.10

P/PLAN/1 DELEGATED PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

A list of planning decisions issued by Officers during February 2018 under delegated powers was circulated for Members' attention together with information received this month on planning appeals.

Proposed by Councillor Bingham
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.11

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

Members were made aware that 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 was referred to as a Proposal of Application Notice (PAN). One PAN was registered during February the details were set out below.

PAN Reference:	LA03/2018/0164/PAN
Proposal:	Proposed development comprising multi-screen cinema, café/restaurant units, parking, landscaping and all associated access and site works
Location:	Lands adjacent and east of Old Church Road adjacent and west of Church Road and adjacent and north east, east and south east of No. 17 Old Church Road Newtownabbey
Applicant:	Hammerson Plc
Date Received:	22 February 2018
12 week expiry:	17 May 2018

Members recalled that 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 what consultation has been undertaken regarding the application and detailing how this has influenced the proposal submitted.

Proposed by Councillor Duffin
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.12

CONSULTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITIES UNDER SECTION 80 (3) OF THE PLANNING ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2011 – ADVANCE NOTICE OF LISTING OF 59 LOUGHVIEW ROAD, ALDERGROVE, CRUMLIN

The Historic Environment Division of the Department for Communities (DfC) had written to the Council (copy circulated) seeking views on the proposed listing of 59 Loughview Road, Aldergrove, Crumlin as a building of special architectural or historic interest.

The responsibility for including a building on the list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest rests with DfC subject to consultation with the relevant district council and the Historic Buildings Council (HBC). Any comments made would be taken into account by DfC in determining whether to list the building in question.

Once a building is listed by DfC then consent is subsequently required for its demolition and any works of alteration or extension in any manner which would affect its character as a building of special architectural or historic interest. This was referred to as “listed building consent” and it is an offence to carry such works without consent. Planning permission is also required in addition to listed building consent if the works involve “development”.

In considering whether to grant planning permission for development which affects a listed building or its setting, and in considering whether to grant listed building consent for any works, the Council must have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest which it possesses.

There are a number of options available to the Council in responding to the consultation by DfC:

1. Provide a corporate view in support of the proposed listing.
2. Provide a corporate view opposing the proposed listing.
3. Provide no corporate view on the matter. In this case individual Members or parties may express support for or object to the proposed listing.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and

on the proposal being put to the meeting 8 Members voted in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention and agreed as follows:

that Council provide a corporate view in support of the proposed listing.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.13

CHAIR OF ROYAL TOWN PLANNING INSTITUTE NI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2018

Judith Winters, Senior Planning Officer in the Council's Planning Section, had been elected as Chair of the Northern Ireland Executive Committee of the Royal Town Planning Institute for 2018. She is the first local government employee to chair the RTPI NI Committee since 1971-72.

This is a voluntary, high profile role within the local planning community and Judith intends to avail of every opportunity to promote the Council's planning functions during her year as Chair. Her theme for the year is to promote planning as a career for future generations, to engage with school children to encourage a greater appreciation of the built and natural environment and to empower them to influence positive change. To this end she recently participated in a careers event in Ballyclare High School.

Judith is also keen for the RTPI to progress a collaborative project with Belfast Healthy Cities entitled "Healthy Places, Healthy Children". The project involves Key Stage 2 teachers delivering a programme of education designed to promote discussion among pupils about place and an appreciation of the positive and negative aspects of the area in which they live, play and attend school. The programme includes the potential for built environment professionals to visit participating schools and Judith hopes to use this opportunity to further promote planning as a stimulating and worthwhile career.

The RTPI Committee also provided an events programme for those interested in and working in the planning profession. Key events arranged for the coming year include the NI Annual Planning Conference which would be held at the Europa hotel on 11th September 2018 and Giving Evidence at Inquiries which is to be held at Mossley Mill on 11th October 2018.

Proposed by Councillor Bingham
Seconded by Councillor Duffin and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

Members took this opportunity to congratulate Judith Winters on attaining this Chair.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.14

P/PLAN/12 - REPLACEMENT OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND PLANNING PORTAL

Members were made aware that the Council had continued to be involved in work being led up by the Department for Infrastructure in relation to a potential shared service model for the planned replacement of the current NI Planning Portal.

A briefing note providing an update on progress had now been received from the Department (copy circulated). This indicated that PA Consultants were appointed by the Project Team and were currently working up a business case to present to the Department that would identify the preferred option for a new Planning IT system.

Based on the timeline suggested it was anticipated that a draft business case should be with the Department by the end of March and hopefully agreed by all parties by the end of June.

Proposed by Councillor Duffin
Seconded by Councillor Hogg and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.15

P/FP/LDP/PLAN/79 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (LDP) STEERING GROUP

The quarterly meeting of the Local Development Plan Steering Group took place on 25 January 2018 in Mossley Mill.

A number of items were discussed, including the 2018 Work programme relating to the preparation of the Plan Strategy, housing and transport.

A copy of the minutes were circulated for information.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Brett and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.16

P/FP/LDP/2 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: REVISED TIMETABLE

Members were reminded that the Council published a Local Development Plan Timetable in January 2016. The purpose of the Timetable was to advise the public and other stakeholders of the key stages and the indicative timescale for the production of the Antrim and Newtownabbey Local Development Plan 2030 (LDP).

The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 and the Planning (Local Development Plan) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 require the Council to keep under review the published Timetable for the preparation and adoption of its Local Development Plan.

The Forward Planning Team had now produced a Revised Timetable that would detail amended dates for key stages in the LDP preparation (copy circulated). These dates were indicative and were based on the 2018 Work Programme that was presented to Members in February 2018.

The Council's original timetable was based upon Departmental published guidance. In September 2017, the Chief Planner, Fiona McCandless issued a letter to all Councils which emphasised that the timescales indicated in Department's guidance was produced for illustrative purposes only. The letter outlined that the actual timeframe would ultimately depend on the specific circumstances and context of each plan and council area. The Chief Planner also reminded councils that key stages of LDP preparation should not be undertaken if their Timetable is out of date.

The Council's original Timetable had consequently been revised in accordance with the Chief Planner's advice and sets out a more realistic approach to the delivery of the next key stage of the LDP – the draft Plan Strategy. As much of the LDP preparation lies beyond the control of the Council, the indicative dates provided for the remainder of the LDP process must be regarded as flexible in response to this uncertainty.

The following matters had influenced the need for revision of the original Timetable published in January 2016:

Engagement Responses

Following engagement with the public and stakeholders during the Preferred Options Paper (POP) stage in early 2017, a number of further comprehensive studies were required to address issues raised in POP responses and also to update the evidence base for the next stage of the plan. These studies were regarded as essential to ensure the robustness of the plan during Independent Examination. The outcome of these studies required further engagement with Members and consultees.

Independent Examination Requirements

Following the publication of the Council's original Timetable in January 2016, the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) had advised that the period for Independent Examination is estimated to be between 9 to 12 months. The Forward Planning Team had considered the PAC's advice and had subsequently added the extended timeframe to the Council's Revised Timetable. In addition, the extended time frame included the need for the Forward Plan Team to adequately consider all representations and counter representations received during the public consultation; the preparation of Topic Papers and the submission of the plan to the Department to cause the Independent Examination to be held.

Belfast Metropolitan Transport Strategy

The Department for Infrastructure had advised the Forward Plan Team that the Plan Strategy should take account of the forthcoming Belfast Metropolitan Transport Strategy. This was anticipated for public consultation in March 2018, with a final version expected in summer 2018.

Cross-Boundary Issues

A number of working groups had been initiated with neighbouring councils, and discussions had commenced on cross-boundary planning matters such as Lough Neagh, mineral resources, the landscape, and issues specific to the Greater Belfast area. By permitting time for these discussions now and allowing new matters to become apparent at this stage, it would address planning issues at an early stage and add to the robust evidence base that was required to underpin the LDP. The out workings of these groups was on-going.

Policy Review

There is a very large body of work associated with the ongoing review of planning policy that needs to be brought forward in the draft Plan Strategy. At the time the initial DfI guidance on the LDP Timetable was being drawn up it was anticipated that much of this work would come forward at the Local Polices Plan stage.

The Forward Planning Team wish to use the Council's Revised Timetable as an opportunity to remind the reader that the LDP would be tested on 'soundness'. This allows stakeholders advance notice of their requirements should they wish to make representation during the LDP preparation process. The onus would be on them to demonstrate why they believe the LDP is unsound.

As the LDP preparation progresses, the Forward Planning Team would further review and update the Timetable as necessary, and in particular, would publish an update following the Plan Strategy adoption.

Once the draft Timetable was agreed, it would be submitted formally to the Department for consideration before publication. In the event that any further adjustments were made, the Forward Plan Team would bring the Timetable back to Committee to update them of the changes.

Proposed by Councillor Bingham
Seconded by Councillor Webb and unanimously agreed that

Members approve the revised Timetable for submission to the Department of Infrastructure.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.17

P/FP/LDP/30 – LDP LANDSCAPE CHARACTER ASSESSMENT – PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Members were reminded that in order to inform the preparation of the new Local Development Plan, a Strategic Countryside, Coast and Minerals Assessment was being undertaken to develop a robust evidence base in relation to the Council's draft proposals. As part of this assessment, the Forward Planning Team was conducting a Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) to inform the capacity and sensitivity of the unique landscapes within our Borough.

To ensure the LCA process was robust, the Forward Plan Team intends to undertake a public stakeholder consultation exercise involving the following:

- An Online Questionnaire – available on the Council's Corporate Website via the Consultation Hub in April 2018 for a period of 8 weeks;
- An article in Borough Life;
- Pop-up stands with hardcopy questionnaires and a comments box will be made available in the foyers of Antrim Civic Centre and Mossley Mill; and

- Notification on the Council's Social Media platforms (Facebook and Twitter), and in the local press.

The questionnaire survey would seek the views of the public on those parts of the Borough they consider to comprise important landscapes and the reasons why they value these places. This would enable comparative analysis between the data collected by the Forward Planning Team on site and data provided by the public through a robust public stakeholder consultation exercise. Following analysis the Forward Planning Team would provide information on the outworking of the consultation exercise to Members towards Autumn 2018.

Proposed by Councillor Duffin

Seconded by Alderman Smyth and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

ACTION BY: John Linden

ITEM 3.18

P/PLAN/1 CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYERS FEDERATION

John Armstrong, Managing Director of the Construction Employers Federation (CEF), had written to the Chief Executive (copy circulated) to draw the Council's attention to the 2017 Housing Market Symposium Final Report and Recommendations recently presented to the Department for Communities.

The Housing Market Symposium was set up by DfC in 2017 in response to a key indicator set out in the draft Programme for Government. It was independently chaired by Professor Joe Frey (Research Associate, Ulster University) and its membership comprised of a small number of internal and external experts with knowledge and experience in the field of research and statistics, and in particular in issues pertinent to the housing market.

The key objectives for the Symposium were as follows:

- To undertake a data audit as part of identifying the most robust research and evidence available on current and future housing need.
- To provide a preliminary assessment of what this evidence tells us about the nature and extent of the housing supply problem in NI.
- To identify the gaps in evidence on issues key to housing supply and demand, and present some initial proposals on how these evidence gaps might be addressed.
- To produce a summary report with suggested actions for the way forward.

The final report on the Symposium's findings was presented to DfC in January 2018. The report detailed the Symposium's recommendations for seven research studies covering a range of issues including for example, establishing a comprehensive and consistent profile of Northern Ireland's housing stock and examining how the local housing market might respond to demographic changes such as NI's ageing population.

A copy of the report is available at the following link

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/communities/dfc-housing-market-symposium-report-2017.PDF>

The CEF had drawn specific attention to one element of the report which indicated that the relatively low level of housing constructed in recent years (mainly by the private sector) means there had effectively been an undersupply that roughly equates to a requirement for an additional 2,000 dwellings annually (over and above the annual Housing Growth Indicator figure for NI of 7,200 set out in the Regional Development Strategy) over the remaining period of the HGI estimate (i.e. to 2025).

The CEF had urged each of Northern Ireland's 11 Councils to take cognisance of this element of the report in bringing forward and zoning appropriate amounts of land in their new Local Development Plans.

Proposed by Councillor Hogg

Seconded by Councillor Bingham and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

ACTION BY: John Linden

There being no further Committee business under Part 2 of the agenda the Chairperson thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.24pm.

MAYOR

Council Minutes have been redacted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998 and legal advice.