



**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD IN MOSSLEY MILL ON MONDAY 17 APRIL 2023 AT 6.00 PM**

- In the Chair** : Alderman F Agnew
- Committee Members Present (In Person)** : Aldermen - T Campbell and J Smyth
Councillors – J Archibald-Brown, A Bennington, H Cushinan, R Lynch, M Magill and B Webb
- Committee Members Present (Remotely)** : Councillors - S Flanagan, R Kinnear and R Swann
- Non-Committee Members Present (In Person)** :
- Non-Committee Members Present (Remotely)** : Councillor N Ramsay
- Public Speakers** : Theresa Cassidy In Support (Agent, Item 3.1)
Paul Heron In Support (Agent, Item 3.1)
Mervyn McNeill In Support (Agent, Item 3.4)
Andrew Wisener In Support (Agent, Item 3.6)
Sean Doherty In Support (Applicant, Item 3.8)
Gary Shaw In Objection (Item 3.9)
- Officers Present** : Director of Economic Development and Planning - M McAlister
Deputy Director of Planning – S Mossman
Borough Lawyer & Head of Legal Services – P Casey
Head of Planning Development Management – B Diamond
Local Development Plan & Enforcement Manager – S Thompson
Senior Planning Officer – J McKendry
Senior Planning Officer – A Leathem
ICT Change Officer – A Cole
ICT Helpdesk Officer – D Mason
Member Services Officer – L Irwin
Member Services Officer – C McIntyre

CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

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

The Chairperson advised Members that Addendum reports relating to Items 3.1, and 3.4, the Site Visit report, and an updated speakers' list had been circulated to Members in advance of the meeting, with hard copies being made available in the Chamber.

The Chairperson further advised Members that Item 3.2 had been withdrawn by Officers and 3.3 and 3.7 had been withdrawn by the applicants.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

Chief Executive J Dixon

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PART ONE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

ITEM 3.1 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2022/0888/F

PROPOSAL:	Retention of silo conversion for tourist accommodation
SITE/LOCATION:	40m NW of 88 Gloverstown Road, Randalstown, BT41 3HY
APPLICANT:	James Alexander

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report and associated Addendum 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 –

Theresa Cassidy
Paul Heron

In Support/Agent
In Support/Agent (for questions)

Proposed by Alderman Campbell

Seconded by Councillor Webb that planning permission be granted.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 10 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 Addendum Report.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

ITEM 3.2 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2022/1064/F

PROPOSAL: Demolition and extension to existing dwelling, 2 additional dwellings and associated site works

SITE/LOCATION: 27 Station Road Randalstown BT41 2AE

APPLICANT: Martin Donnelly

The Chairperson advised that item 3.2 had been withdrawn by Officers.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

ITEM 3.3 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2022/1099/F

PROPOSAL: Erection of 2no 3 bedroom semi-detached dwellings and associated communal car parking

SITE/LOCATION: Approximately 10m NE of 158 Shore Road, Newtownabbey, BT37 9TA

APPLICANT: Corbo Ltd

The Chairperson advised that item 3.3 had been withdrawn by the applicant.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

Councillor Kinnear joined the meeting remotely during this item and was therefore unable to vote.

ITEM 3.4 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2023/0109/F

PROPOSAL: Conversion of existing barn to dwelling

SITE/LOCATION: Approximately 40m east of No. 10 Rushfield Road, Ballyclare, BT39 9NU

APPLICANT: Guy & Aurora Gilbert

Alicia Leathem, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report and associated Addendum Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse planning permission.

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

Mervyn McNeill

In Support/Agent

Proposed by Alderman Campbell

Seconded by Councillor Flanagan that planning permission be refused.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 8 Members voted in favour, 1 against and 2 abstentions, it was 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 (SPPS) 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.**
- 2. The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions contained in the Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) as the building is not of local importance and fails to meet with the provisions for the conversion and reuse of an existing building as a dwelling in accordance with Policy CTY 4 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside, in that the building is not considered to be of permanent construction.**
- 3. The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement (SPPS) and Policy CTY 6 of Planning Policy Statement 21 Sustainable Development in the Countryside, in that compelling and site specific reasons have not been demonstrated and satisfactory evidence has not been provided that a new dwelling is a necessary response to the particular circumstances and that genuine hardship would be caused if planning approval was refused.**

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

The Chairperson took items 3.6, 3.7, 3.8 and 3.9 at this point of the meeting.

ITEM 3.6 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2023/0022/O

PROPOSAL: Proposed Dwelling and Detached Garage

SITE/LOCATION: 40m North of 41 Groggan Road, Randalstown, BT41 3JH

APPLICANT: Wilson Mills

Alicia Leathem, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning 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 –

Andrew Wisener

In Support/Agent

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

On the proposal being put to the meeting 8 Members voted in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions, it was 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 and Policy CTY1 of PPS 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 policy provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policies CTY8 of PPS 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside, in that the proposal fails to meet with the provisions for an infill dwelling.**

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

ITEM 3.7 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2022/1097/O

PROPOSAL: Site for dwelling on a farm
SITE/LOCATION: Lands approx. 75m South East of 50 Ballymartin Road, Templepatrick, BT39 0BS
APPLICANT: John Bingham

The Chairperson advised that item 3.7 had been withdrawn by the applicant.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

ITEM 3.8 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2023/0011/F

PROPOSAL: Proposed roofspace conversion to include provision of dormer window to rear elevation
SITE/LOCATION: 33 Glebe Manor, Newtownabbey, BT36 6HF
APPLICANT: Sean Doherty

Alicia Leathem, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to refuse planning permission.

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

Sean Doherty

In Support/Applicant

Proposed by Alderman Smyth

Seconded by Alderman Campbell that planning permission be refused.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 11 Members voted in favour, 1 against and 0 abstentions, it was agreed

That planning permission be refused for the following reasons:

- 1. The development is contrary to the provisions of the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policy EXT 1 of the Addendum to Planning Policy Statement 7- Residential Extensions and Alterations, in that the dormer windows will have an unacceptable impact on the privacy and amenity of neighbouring residents by way of overlooking.**

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

Councillor Archibald-Brown left the meeting at this point.

Councillor Webb left the Chamber during item 3.9 and was therefore unable to vote.

ITEM 3.9 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2022/0693/F

PROPOSAL:	Retention of 6m high garden folly structure, new entrance gates and hard and soft landscaping to create a clockwork garden.
SITE/LOCATION:	Lands approximately 110m Northwest of Clotworthy House, Antrim Castle Gardens, Randalstown Road, BT41 4LH
APPLICANT:	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant planning permission.

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

Gary Shaw

In Objection

Proposed by Alderman Smyth

Seconded by Councillor Bennington that planning permission be granted.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 8 Members voted in favour, 0 against and 2 abstentions, and 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

Councillor Webb returned to the Chamber

Alderman Campbell and Councillor Magill left the Chamber at this point.

ITEM 3.5 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2023/0004/O

PROPOSAL: Site for single storey dwelling
SITE/LOCATION: 35m south west of 4 Randox Road, Crumlin, BT29 4BU
APPLICANT: Dylan Carson

Alicia Leathem, Senior Planning Officer, 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 Councillor Bennington
Seconded by Councillor Cushman that outline planning permission be refused.

On the proposal being put to the meeting 9 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 (SPPS) 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.**
- 2. The proposal is contrary to the policy provisions contained in the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and fails to meet with the provisions for an infill dwelling in accordance with Policy CTY 8 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside, in that the application site is not within an otherwise substantial and continuously built up frontage.**
- 3. The proposal is contrary to the provisions contained in the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Policies CTY 13 and CTY 14 of Planning Policy Statement 21, Sustainable Development in the Countryside, the building would be a prominent feature in the landscape; the proposed site lacks long established natural boundaries and relies on new landscaping and the site fails to blend with the existing landform.**
- 4. The proposal is contrary to the Strategic Planning Policy Statement and Planning Policy Statement 15, Planning and Flood Risk, Policy FLD 1, in that it the proposed development is located within the 1 to 100-year fluvial flood plain and it has not been demonstrated that the proposal constitutes an exception to the policy.**

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

ITEM 3.10 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2022/1114/A

PROPOSAL:	Proposed shop signage to replace existing (Creative Tiles, Fun Works, Sportsbowl and Scrapyrd Golf)
SITE/LOCATION:	1-13 Glenwell Road, Glengormley, BT36 7RF
APPLICANT:	Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant advertisement consent.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Webb
Seconded by Councillor Bennington that advertisement consent be granted.

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

that advertisement consent be granted for the application subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

ITEM 3.11 APPLICATION NO: LA03/2022/0363/LBC

PROPOSAL:	Erection of lighting columns to Viaduct
SITE/LOCATION:	Randalstown Viaduct, Randalstown
APPLICANT:	Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council

Johanne McKendry, Senior Planning Officer, introduced the Planning Report to the Committee and made a recommendation to grant listed building consent.

There were no public speakers to address this item.

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Alderman Smyth that listed building consent be granted.

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

that listed building consent be granted for the application subject to the conditions set out in the Planning Report.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

PART TWO

OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

ITEM 3.12

P/PLAN/1 DELEGATED PLANNING DECISIONS AND APPEALS

A list of planning decisions issued by Officers during March 2023 under delegated powers together with information relating to planning appeals was circulated for Members' information.

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

Proposed by Councillor Webb

Seconded by Alderman Smyth and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.13

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 were 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). Two (2) PANs were registered during March 2023.

LA03/2023/0173/PAN

Proposed development of multi sports hub at Ballyclare Rugby Football Club consisting of: upgrade of existing rugby pitch and permitted floodlighting to 3G multi-sports pitch; upgrade of existing all-weather hockey pitch to synthetic pitch, including replacement floodlighting; roof covering to existing cricket training area; provision of trim trail; additional car parking; road access to permitted relief road; and all associated site works.

Ballyclare Rugby Football Club, Doagh Road, Ballyclare, BT39 9JD.

Richard Lutton, Ballyclare RFC.

20 March 2023

12 week expiry: 12 June 2023

LA03/2023/00172/PAN

Proposed residential development with associated infrastructure and landscaping. Access to Ballyclare relief road.

Lands to west of Huntingdale Green, Ballyclare, BT39 9FL.

Simpson Developments Limited.

14 March 2023

12 week expiry: 6 June 2023

Under Section 27 of the 2011 Planning Act obligations were 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 had been undertaken regarding the application and detailing how this had influenced the proposal submitted.

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

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.14

PT/CI/056 RECOVERY AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN – PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT QUARTER 3 – PLANNING

Members were reminded that Part 12 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 put in place a framework to support the continuous improvement of Council services.

The Council's Corporate Recovery and Improvement Plan 2022-23 was approved in June 2022. This set out a range of challenging performance targets, along with four identified improvement objectives and a number of Statutory Performance Targets.

A third quarter progress report for Planning was circulated for Members' information. The Corporate Recovery and Improvement Plan 2022-23 Quarter 3 Performance Progress Report was scrutinised, reviewed and noted by the Audit & Risk Committee on 21st March 2023.

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

the Corporate Recovery and Improvement Plan 2022-23 Quarter 3 progress report for Planning be noted.

ACTION BY: Allen Templeton, Performance and Transformation Officer

ITEM 3.15

P/FP/LDP/1 INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE (DFI)

Members were reminded that the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) previously advised in the closing notes of the Independent Examination (IE) into the Local Development Plan, Draft Plan Strategy that they hoped to deliver the IE Report to the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) by the end of January 2023.

On 31 January 2023 the PAC subsequently revised this date to the end of February 2023.

Given this delay, the Chief Executive wrote to Julie Harrison, Permanent Secretary of the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) on 14 February 2023, requesting that the IE Report should be shared with the Council, directly upon its receipt by DfI.

On 27 February 2023 the Chief Executive received a response from DfI (circulated) indicating that whilst the IE Report would be considered expeditiously by Officers in DfI, the range of potentially complex issues and recommendations meant that the Report would not be shared until DfI completes its consideration. The exception to this being, a 2-week period immediately prior to publication of the Report, to allow the Council the opportunity to complete a fact checking exercise.

Subsequent to this response from DfI, on 28 February 2023 the PAC advised that there would be a further delay and that they are not in a position to provide a delivery date for the IE Report to DfI. The Chief Executive also wrote to the Planning Appeals Commission – a response is still awaited.

The Council's Planning Section continued to engage with statutory partners and progress preparatory work on the next stage of the Local Development Plan, the draft Local Policies Plan.

Proposed by Councillor Webb

Seconded by Alderman Smyth and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.16

P/FP/LDP 1 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN, QUARTELY UPDATE (Q4) JANUARY TO MARCH 2023

A progress report was provided on a quarterly basis to the Planning Committee on the progress of the Council's new Local Development Plan. This report covered the fourth quarter (Q4) of the 2023-24 business year (January to March 2023).

Local Development Plan, Independent Examination

Members were reminded that whilst the Council's Planning Section previously anticipated that the Planning Appeals Commission (PAC) report (i.e. the 'IE Report') on the Independent Examination (IE) of the Council's Draft Plan Strategy (dPS), which concluded on 29 June 2022, would be submitted to the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) at the end of January 2023, notification was received from the PAC on two occasions: (1) on 31 January 2023 advising that delivery of the IE Report is delayed until 28 February 2023, and (2) on 28 February 2023 advising of a further delay, and that they were not in a position to provide a delivery date of the IE Report to DfI.

Whilst the PAC's update was regrettable, the Council's Planning Section had corresponded with PAC Chief Commissioner, Ms. Andrea Kells LLB MRTPI, and DfI's Permanent Secretary, Ms. Julie Harrison, expressing the Council's disappointment regarding the ongoing delay in the delivery of the IE Report and the lack of certainty this was having not only on the Council, but also to the public and development industry.

Towards a draft Local Policies Plan

Despite the delay regarding the delivery of the IE Report from the PAC, the Forward Planning Team would continue to undertake preparatory work on the next stage of the LDP process, the Local Policies Plan (LPP). For example, Officers were currently progressing a number of initial studies to include: (1) Strategic Landscape Assessment – consideration of Local Landscape Policy Areas, (2) Homes – delivery of the 2022-23 annual Housing Monitor, and draft Urban Capacity Study, (3) Employment – Strategic Employment lands consideration, and Town Centre Retail studies, and (4) Historic Environment – draft townscape and village assessments.

A Members LDP workshop took place on 31 January 2023. Senior Officers from the Forward Planning Team updated Members on the current position of the dPS and the necessary steps for adoption of Plan. Meeting minutes were circulated for Members information.

Publications

Members were advised that DfI Strategic Planning published Development Plan Practice Note 11 (DPPN 11) 'Receipt of Independent Examination (IE) Report and Adoption of a Development Plan Document' in February 2023. This practice note focused on the key legislative requirements in relation to the consideration of the IE Report and adoption of a Development Plan Document by a council.

Minerals Meeting

On 27 February 2023 Officers attended a multi stakeholder event 'Considering Responsible Critical Minerals Sourcing in Northern Ireland' held at the Riddel Hall the Queens University of Belfast (QUB), Commissioned by the Department for Economy (DfE) and QUB Management School. The event considered the use of critical minerals in the economy of Northern Ireland, and considered how that activity fit within green growth, energy transition and climate adaptation.

Local Development Plan, Performance Improvement Plan

Members were reminded that DfI were leading on an approach to a Planning Improvement Programme (PIP) relating to LDPs which includes a partnership approach between DfI and Councils to work in partnership to review current LDP timetables to ensure they are realistic and achievable. Senior Officers from the Council's Planning Section have attended various meetings with senior representatives from DfI's Strategic Planning Directorate and representatives from each Council's Forward Planning teams to consider a joint approach to the PIP LDP work streams to include: (1) necessary reporting mechanisms, (2) a draft

work programme, and (3) actions/owners and timelines. Once agreed, a range of actions will be presented to Members in due course.

Local Development Plan Working Group Updates

(a) Belfast Metropolitan Area Spatial Working Group

A meeting of the Belfast Metropolitan Area Spatial Working Group (MASWG) took place on 1 February 2023, hosted by Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council (LCCC). Updates were received from various councils and consultees in relation to LDP matters. A copy of the agreed minutes for the previous meeting which took place on 1 November 2022 were circulated for Members information. The next MASWG meeting is due to take place on 18 April 2023, hosted by Ards and North Down Borough Council.

(b) DfI Transport Planning Modelling Unit (TPMU), Belfast Metropolitan Transport Plan (BMTP) 2035

A meeting on the DfI, TPMU Project Board meeting took place both remotely and 'in person' at DfI Headquarters, Clarence Court, Belfast on 15 March 2023. The focus of the meeting was to review progress of the draft BMTP 2035. Members are reminded that DfI TPMU has commissioned Atkins Transport Planning consultants to prepare a transport plan which supports the preparation of LPPs for the five (5) councils within the Belfast Metropolitan Area, as well as setting out the Departments proposals for the framework for transport policy and investment decisions up until 2023 in the BMTP area. The draft iteration of the Plan which relates to Antrim and Newtownabbey is anticipated in September 2023. A copy of the draft meeting minutes, and copies of relevant seven (7) project documents, were circulated for Members' information.

Proposed by Councillor Webb

Seconded by Alderman Smyth and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.17

P/FP/LDP/6 ENGAGEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE (DfI) STRATEGIC PLANNING DIVISION, PLANNING IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP

Members were reminded that a report was presented to Planning Committee regarding correspondence received from The Department for Infrastructure (DfI) and the approach to the Planning Improvement Programme (PIP).

A number of work streams had emerged from this paper in relation to Development Management and Local Development Plan. In relation to Development Management the Department has written to the Council leads in relation to the issue of Pre-Application Discussions. A copy of the correspondence was circulated for information. Further engagement with Council's is required in relation to this matter and as previously advised it was the

intention of the Council to bring forward its own Planning Improvement Work Programme which is currently under development.

The first meeting of the Interim Regional Planning Committee took place in February 2023. A copy of the agreed minutes was circulated for information.

Proposed by Councillor Webb

Seconded by Alderman Smyth and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

ITEM 3.18

P/PLAN/1 PLANNING PORTAL UPDATE

The Department for Infrastructure issued an update in relation to the new Regional Planning Portal. Copies were circulated for Members' information.

Progress had been made in a number of areas but work remains ongoing. It was anticipated that it would be business as normal from 1 April 2023. The Planning Section continued to bring forward its own internal steps to rectify where feasible in house issues, working alongside provider fixes.

In response to a query from a Members, the Deputy Director of Planning provided clarification on the reasons for withdrawals of three planning applications on the Committee agenda.

Proposed by Councillor Webb

Seconded by Councillor Bennington and unanimously agreed that

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

PROPOSAL TO PROCEED 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Webb

Seconded by Alderman Smyth and 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 3.19

P/PLAN/1 REVISED PLANNING PROTOCOL - IN CONFIDENCE

Members would recall that the Scheme of Delegation and Planning Protocol were brought to the March 2023 Planning Committee for Members consideration where it was agreed that the item be deferred to allow Officers to consider issues raised regarding the Planning Protocol.

An updated Protocol and Scheme of Delegation was circulated for Members' consideration taking into account the issues raised by Members. Changes since the last Planning Committee meeting are highlighted in green and original changes remain in yellow. The amended Scheme of Delegation will require submission to the Department for Infrastructure before publication. The amended Protocol was not required to be agreed by the Department.

Proposed by Councillor Bennington

Seconded by Councillor Webb and unanimously agreed that

that

a) the revised Protocol be approved; and

b) the revised Scheme of Delegation be formally submitted to the Department for Infrastructure for agreement, and, if agreed, Officers will bring back the final version to the Planning Committee for noting and proceed to advertise.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

ITEM 3.20

P/PLAN/1 UPDATED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - IN CONFIDENCE

Section 4 of The Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 required Councils to prepare a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The Council published its SCI in Jan 2016 and it is good practice as well as a legal requirement to keep the SCI under review and consider any updates if required.

The purpose of the SCI was to set out the Council's position in relation to engaging with the community and stakeholders in exercising its planning functions including the processing of planning applications, enforcement and in bringing forward the new Local Development Plan. Officers reviewed the current SCI and have made a number of suggested amendments taking into account the operation of the planning section since the transfer of functions in 2015. A copy was circulated for Members' consideration with changes highlighted for ease of reference. These have been screened for the need for a Data Protection Impact Assessment, Rural Proofing and Equality Screening. Copies were circulated for information.

The Planning (Statement of Community Involvement) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 requires updates to an SCI to be approved by resolution of the Council before submission to the Department for Infrastructure for agreement. Once agreed the Council is required to publish and advertise the SCI.

The Council also had the option of publishing the revised SCI for a period of public consultation before submission to the Department. It is the view of Officers that the proposed changes are minor in nature and the new measures in relation to feedback to the Planning Committee on issues raised by the public, as well as regular review, will allow the opportunity to take into account any change in circumstances.

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

the updated Statement of Community Involvement be approved.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

ITEM 3.21

P/FP/LDP/1/34 ENFORCEMENT: QUARTERLY UPDATE (Q2) JULY-SEPTEMBER 2022 – IN CONFIDENCE

The Northern Ireland Statistics Q2 2022-2023 Statistical Bulletin was released on 8 December 2022 by the Department for Infrastructures (DfI) 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 Q2 report was circulated and in view of the sensitive nature of some of this information is being presented in confidence.

The DfI figures indicate that the Council has concluded 89.3% of cases within the statutory target of 39 weeks during Quarter 1 and took on average 12.2 weeks to conclude. This represents an improvement from Quarter 1, when 85.6% of cases were concluded within the statutory target with an average of 15 weeks to conclude.

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

the report be noted.

NO ACTION

PART ONE - DECISIONS ON ENFORCEMENT CASES – IN CONFIDENCE

ITEM 3.22 ENFORCEMENT CASE: TPO/2023/0002/LA03

Simon Thompson, Local Development Plan & Enforcement Manager, introduced the Enforcement Report to the Committee and made a recommendation that that approval be given to the service of a Provisional TPO on the lands identified in red on the circulated map.

Proposed by Alderman Smyth
Seconded by Councillor Webb and unanimously agreed

that approval be given to the service of a Provisional TPO on the lands identified in red on the map.

ACTION BY: Sharon Mossman, Deputy Director of Planning

PROPOSAL TO MOVE OUT OF 'IN CONFIDENCE'

Proposed by Councillor Lynch
Seconded by Alderman Smyth and 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, Officers and IT staff for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 7.25pm.

MAYOR