

LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Council Chamber, Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Offices, Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn on Monday 7 January 2019 at 10.00 am

PRESENT: Alderman D Drysdale (Chairman)
Councillor O Gawith (Vice-Chairman)
Aldermen J Dillon MBE JP, and T Jeffers
Councillors N Anderson, J Craig, A Givan, A Girvin,
B Hanvey, L Poots and N Trimble

OTHER MEMBERS: The Right Worshipful the Mayor Councillor U Mackin
Councillor S Carson
Alderman S P Porter
Councillor T Mitchell
Councillor R Walker

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Service Transformation
Director of Environmental Services
Head of Planning and Capital Development
Principal Planning Officer (RH)
Senior Planning Officers (MB and MCO'N)
Environmental Health Officer
Member Services Officer
Attendance Clerk

Legal Advisor:
Brendan Martyn - Cleaver Fulton & Rankin

Commencement of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman D Drysdale, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Introductions were made by the Chairman and some housekeeping and evacuation announcements were made by the Director of Service Transformation.

1. Apologies

It was noted that Councillor L Poots would be arriving late.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Chairman sought Declarations of Interest from Members and reminded them to complete the supporting forms which had been left at each desk.

The following Declarations of Interest were made:

- Councillor A Given advised that his son, Paul Given MLA, would be making representations on application reference LAO5/2017/0651/F and that he would therefore be withdrawing from the meeting during that discussion.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Monday 3 December 2018.

It was proposed by Alderman T Jeffers seconded by Councillor N Anderson and agreed that the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 3 December 2018 as circulated be confirmed and signed.

4. Report of the Director of Service Transformation

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the Director of Service Transformation be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below:-

Items for Decision

4.1 Budget Report – Planning Unit

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor A Girvin and agreed that the Committee note information contained within a Budget Report for the Service Transformation Department for the year to 31 March 2019 as at 30 November 2018.

4.2 Agreement of Local Development Plan Policies

Having received an update on Local Development Plan Policies, it was proposed by Councillor J Craig, seconded by Councillor N Anderson and agreed that Members note the position in relation to the development of the plan strategy and associated planning policies and that a community partner engagement strategy be managed through the Development Committee.

4.3 Report of the Head of Planning and Capital Development

4.3.1 Schedule of Applications:

The Chairman reminded Members that they needed to be present for the entire determination of an application. If absent for any part of the discussion they would render themselves unable to vote on the application.

The Legal Adviser highlighted paragraphs 33 - 46 of the Protocol for the Operation of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council Planning Committee which, he advised, needed to be borne in mind when determinations were being made.

The Chairman advised that there were a number of speakers in attendance making representation on some of the applications and therefore the Schedule of Applications would be taken out of order to enable these applications to be taken first.

(Councillor A Givan left the meeting at 10.15 am having declared an interest in the next application).

- (1) LA05/2017/0651/F – Major Application – 99 houses, open space and landscaping, internal site distributor road and access roads, access roundabout on Glenavy Road and associated realignment works, improvements to junction of Glenavy Road / Brokerstown Road, new bus lay-by on Glenavy Road, widening of part of Brokerstown Road to provide a new bus lay-by facility for Ballymacash Primary School and associated site works on agricultural land south of Glenavy Road and west of Brokerstown Road Lisburn; section of Glenavy Road from Penworth Green to Brokerstown Road junction.; and section of Brokerstown Road from Glenavy Road junction to Mourneview Park.

The Principal Planning Officer (RH) presented this application as outlined within the report.

The Committee received Ms M Glasgow from Ballymacash Regeneration Network who wished to speak in opposition to the application highlighting the following:

- There was a serious issue in the area regarding school places, currently local schools were over-subscribed and there was already extreme pressure on the system.
- She outlined the overdevelopment of Lisburn Town South and residents were losing out on facilities.
- Sewerage, drainage and water supplies were already under strain.
- There was currently pressure on the roads network in the area and upgrades previously promised had not been delivered however development continued, she felt that development needed to cease until the road network were to be upgraded.
- BMAP had been declared as unlawful and this application should not be considered under it.
- She urged refusal and stated that the integration of two areas came with its own issues and would put additional pressure on the area.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

The Committee received Councillor T Mitchell who wished to speak in opposition to the application highlighting the following:

- He was in favour of development that meets the needs of existing communities.
- There was over development of Lisburn North.

- The level of flooding was an issue in the area and the totality of the developments are either at the foot of a mountain or on the side of one.
- The loss of arable land has had an effect on wildlife, we need to value natural environments more.
- He highlighted concerns at the volume of traffic both the safety and the environmental impact. There were many school age pedestrians which would increase the risk. The area was already at tipping point.
- There was unworkable pressure on schools and healthcare provision and any additional capacity would not be met.
- Purposeful discussion needed to take place with healthcare providers.
- The application bears no resemblance to what was originally envisaged which incorporated infrastructure and services.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

The Committee received P Givan MLA who wished to speak in opposition to the application highlighting the following:

- He stated that he had submitted a written objection to this proposal.
- He described the surrounding road infrastructure highlighting the narrowness of the road network, its complexities and congestion. He stated that traffic would be showed down by the proposed roundabout but this would not help with congestion.
- He highlighted the lack of capacity at local schools stating that this will mean that it will be displaced and lead to increased traffic. The fact that this issue will be considered under the Local Development Plan will not assist as schooling should be in place before development takes place.
- He outlined the flooding risk and the fact that the planning policy urges prevention.
- He outlined his concern at the response of DfI Roads who have stated that this application could not be included with the Article 40 for the area.
- He stated that local residents were concerned at the lack of progress being made on the Article 40 issue and he asked when the Planning Authority would decide that enough was enough. He felt that there should be no further development in the area until the Article 40 was met and highlighted that, in his opinion, there were other areas of Lisburn that could be developed.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

The Committee received Alderman S P Porter who wished to speak in opposition to the application highlighting the following:

- He wished to put on record that Alderman W Leathem was also opposed to this development and had planned to attend to make representations but unfortunately was ill and unable to do so.
- He said that the Report was like a twilight zone and considered that it did not go into enough detail on LD1 and LD2.
- He stated that the Report did not mention that houses had been built illegally in the area and not in accordance with the conditions imposed on them which included the delivery of infrastructure.
- The report stated that there was capacity in local schools but this was not the case.
- He was concerned that there had been no issues raised during consultation by NI Water yet there was a history of flooding in the area – there had been a flooding issue almost every month in 2018
- He outlined concern at the loss of trees which had Tree Protection Orders.
- He was concerned that play park provision was only promised after the houses were built.
- He stated that a pattern was emerging of promises being made but not delivered.
- The only thing delivered in the area was housing no schools or infrastructure had been delivered as promised.
- He said that congestion will be a serious issue.
- He asked that no further development take place until previous promises made by developers had been delivered.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

The Committee received C Mulligan, C Daly and D Monaghan who wished to speak in support of the application highlighting the following:

- The proposal was for 99 houses in phase 1 and it would be a high quality scheme.
- The homes had been carefully sighted to protect trees and included the planting of new trees.
- A cycle way and footway were incorporated.
- Green space was included as were the improvements to the road network as highlighted in the report.
- The proposed road works were extensive and disproportionate to the proposal.
- Statutory Consultees were content

- Land has been reserved for a school and the Education Authority can take this forward as it sees fit.
- The density of development was low
- It would not be reasonable to hold the applicant responsible for the previous Article 40 over which he has no control.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

During the questions to the planning officers which followed there was a focus on the legal status of the Article 40 Agreements previously made and the situation in respect of land being set aside for a school.

'In Committee'

It was proposed by Councillor J Craig, seconded by Councillor N Anderson and agreed to go 'in Committee' to obtain legal advice in the absence of press and public being present.

Legal Advice

Legal Advice was provided by the Legal Advisor.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor J Craig seconded by Councillor N Trimble and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed.

At this juncture, Councillor J Craig asked whether the previous Article 40 agreement could be legally linked to this present application. The Head of Planning and Capital Development clarified that this site was not part of the lands subject to the Article 40 Agreement and that the applicant and landowners had not been signatories to the agreement. It was confirmed that the existing Article 40 agreement could not be linked to this proposal.

The Committee, having considered the information provided within the Report and by those making representations, agreed by a majority of 6:1 with 2 abstentions to approve the application as outlined in the Officer's report and subject to the conditions stated therein.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman D Drysdale declared the meeting adjourned at 12.27 pm.

Resumption of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman D Drysdale declared the meeting resumed at 12.48 pm.

(Councillor A Givan returned to the meeting at this point).

(2) LA05/2017/1277/F – Local Application (Called in) – Temporary planning permission for mobile home (retrospective) at 1 Ballyvannon Road, Upper Ballinderry.

The Senior Planning Officer (MB) presented this application as outlined within the circulated report.

Councillor L Poots entered the meeting at this stage (12.52 pm).

The Committee received Mr G Thompson and the Rev J Farr who wished to speak in support of the application highlighting the following:

- He felt disadvantaged as he was unable to access the Planning Unit Report on the Council website.
- CTY1 does not apply in this case.
- CTY9 states that permission would be granted in exceptional circumstances pending the erection of a dwelling. This is pending the development of an out-building into a dwelling. There would be no detrimental effect on rural character as it was located far from the main road and close to an existing building.
- Another mobile home on the site has been there for some years and no enforcement action has taken place.
- There will be no pollution issue as the mobile home is connected to an existing septic tank and the applicant will apply for discharge consent if this application is approved.
- He considered the application was fully compliant.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

During the questions to the planning officers which followed there was a focus on clarifying the planning status of the other mobile home currently on site.

At this stage it was proposed by Councillor N Trimble and seconded by Councillor A Girvin that the determination of this application be deferred for one month pending the receipt of additional information, however when put to a vote the proposal fell by a majority of 7:2 with 1 abstention. The Committee therefore proceeded to determine the application.

The Committee, having considered the information provided within the Report and by those making representations, agreed by a majority of 10:0 with 0 abstentions to refuse the application for the reasons outlined in the Officer's report.

(Councillor L Poots was unable to vote as he had not been present for the entire discussion).

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman D Drysdale declared the meeting adjourned at 1.30 pm

Resumption of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman D Drysdale declared the meeting resumed at 14.15 pm.

- (3) LA05/2017/0926/F – Local Application (Called in) – Demolition of obsolete covered silos and storage buildings and construction of 3 no open silos (retrospective) at 78 Front Road, Drumbo.

The Principal Planning Officer (RH) presented this application as outlined within the circulated report and clarified a typographical error.

Councillor L Poots confirmed he had not been in attendance when the Chair asked for declarations of interest. He wished it to be put on record that neither he nor any member of his family had done business with the applicant or used the facilities despite allegations having been made to that effect and that he had no interest to declare in respect of this application.

The Committee received Mr B Dean, Ms D Anderson, Mr O Cathcart and Mr J Mairs who wished to speak in opposition to the application highlighting the following:

- The business has operated since July 2016 without Planning Permission.
- The operation has subjected residents to noise, odour, dust, vermin, traffic, vapour haze and more.
- There has been a serious loss of amenity for local residents.
- Dr Waldron from the Public Health Agency has expressed concerns.
- No enforcement action has been taken by the Council who were first contacted in 2016. A site inspection did take place in October 2018.
- A number of sites feed into this plant and a more efficient system needs to be found.
- Mr McCulla has stated that he has no animals, it is not an active farm it is a commercial activity.
- The reasons given to justify the size of the silos is erroneous.
- She challenged the statistics provided within the report.
- The agent's calculation of site traffic was not legal on NI roads.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

The Committee received Mr T Lunn MLA who wished to speak in opposition to the application highlighting the following:

- The Planning Unit had made the correct recommendation in this case.
- The scale of the development was excessive.
- This is being operated as a storage facility for the Anaerobic Digester plant at Altona.
- There has been no single farm payment claimed.
- There are no animals on the farm.
- There are other McCulla farms which input to this facility.

- The figures quoted to not add up.
- Consultees seem relaxed about this which he found surprising. There is a weighbridge at the location and tractors are forced to use fields so how can accurate counts take place.
- Residents have lived here for many years and know the difference between country smells and a serious odour.
- The dust during the recent dry summer seriously affected their amenity.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

The Committee received Mr P Catney MLA who wished to speak in opposition to the application highlighting the following:

- This proposal is not necessary.
- There is no doubt that there are links to the Altona Anaerobic Digester plant.
- Residents have lost amenity.
- He outlined the planning history of the site and conditions imposed.
- He provided statistical information on the original planning approval granted.
- He stated that local residents have had to endure loss of amenity since 2016 and the situation is further deteriorating.
- Residents were concerned at the new odours in the area.
- There had been 54,000 tons of silage stored at the site and 6,000 vehicular movements.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

The Committee received Mr H Greene, Dr P Barrett and Mr A McCulla who wished to speak in support of the application highlighting the following:

- There is only one reason for this application being refused and it is flawed.
- The applicant farms the 80 hectares as grassland.
- Dr Barrett submitted a 5,000 tonne calculation crop yield which was examined by Professor Gilliland and he concurred with the calculation.
- The Planning Unit accepted these calculations.
- In the assessment of the application, the DEHRA officer's comments would be comparable to Dr Barrett's calculations.
- The silo tanks were built based on this calculation.
- He hoped to submit supporting information which at the moment was unavailable to him.
- He urged the Committee to approve the application.
- Mr McCulla advised of the history of farming at the site stating that his father had traditionally farmed the land but his brother, who took over the farm, had developed Multiple Sclerosis and had to sell the

livestock. His son was now involved with the farm and had registered it as an arable farm.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

During the questions to the planning officers which followed there was a focus on the accuracy of the information provided to the Planning Unit in respect of the physical capacity of the silos and whether this was necessary for the efficient operation of the farm holding

During the discussion the Chairman, Alderman D Drysdale, invited the Council's Environmental Health Officer to respond to questions from the Committee.

The Environmental Health Officer advised that 10 visits to the site had been made over various periods and whilst odour had been detected it had not been deemed to be significant.

During the discussion it was proposed by Councillor O Gawith and seconded by Councillor N Anderson that the Committee defer the determination of this application pending the provision of further information. When put to the vote however, the proposal fell by a majority of 9:2 and the committee proceeded to determine the application.

At the culmination of further discussion and ensuing debate, the decision was put to a vote and by a majority of 6:5 with 0 abstentions, it was agreed that the recommendation of the Planning Officer would not be upheld.

The Chairman stated that the Professional Officer's recommendation to refuse planning permission had fallen and that a new motion was now under consideration.

'In Committee'

It was proposed by Councillor L Poots, seconded by Councillor J Craig and agreed to go 'in Committee' to obtain legal advice in the absence of press and public being present.

Legal Advice

Legal Advice was provided by the Legal Advisor.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor J Craig seconded by Councillor L Poots and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed.

It was then proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor J Craig and by a majority of 6:5 with 0 abstentions it was agreed that the reasons cited for the approval of the application would be that:

- The Committee consider that the application be approved because, in this finely balanced decision, it was considered that it complied with policies CTY1 and CTY12 of PPS21 and the SPPS in that the size of the silos were deemed necessary for the efficient use of the agricultural holding given that the figures in relation to the total capacity submitted by the agent were agreed to by the Planning Officers and the fact that they were required was borne out by the fact that the silos were full when inspected in October 2017.

The Chairman declared the application approved for the reasons stated.

The Chairman then highlighted that because the application had been recommended for refusal, no conditions had been drafted. It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor N Anderson and agreed by a majority of 6:5 that the drafting of Conditions be delegated to the Planning Unit.

Adjournment of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman D Drysdale declared the meeting adjourned at 4.20 pm

Resumption of Meeting

The Chairman, Alderman D Drysdale declared the meeting resumed at 4.40 pm.

(Councillor B Hanvey and Councillor A Girvin did not return to the meeting).

- (4) LA05/2018/0328/F – Major Application – Construction of a replacement discount food store, provision of car parking, landscaping and associated site works (Additional information/amendments received) at 2 Dunlady Road, Dundonald.

The Principal Planning Officer (RH) presented this application as outlined within the circulated report.

During the questions to the planning officers which followed there was a focus on drainage issues and the response to consultation from Dfl Rivers.

The Committee, having considered the information provided within the Report of the Senior Planning Officer, agreed by a majority of 9:0 with 0 abstentions to approve the application for the reasons outlined in the Officer's report and subject to the conditions stated therein.

- (5) LA05/2017/0922/F – Local Application (Called in) – Removal of condition no 2 of planning approval LA05/2015/0765/F (the dwelling shall be occupied by Arthur Stringer and any dependents only) on lands to the rear of 44 Halfpenny Gate Road, Lisburn.

It was proposed by Councillor J Craig, seconded by Councillor N Anderson and agreed by the Committee that the determination of this application be deferred for a period of 1 month pending the receipt of additional information.

It was noted that the following two applications on the Schedule of Applications would be determined at a future meeting of the Committee.

- (6) LA05/2017/0388/F – Local Application (Called in) – Extensions and alterations to existing nursing home class 3(b) of the schedule of the Planning (Use classes) Order (NI) 2015, to increase from 29 residents to 44 residents, increased dayroom/dining areas, enlarged kitchen (on three floors of accommodation), with new laundry, storage and staff facilities to basement below (amended proposal) at Parkside Private Nursing Home, 4 North Circular Road, Lisburn.
- (7) LA05/2018/0898/F – Local Application – (Called in) – Proposed site for new dwelling and garage to round off the cluster in accordance with policy CTY2A on lands adjacent and 35m south east of 44 Crumlin Road, Upper Ballinderry, Lisburn.

4.3.2 To Advise on handling of Appeals contrary to Officer Recommendation

Members had been provided with a brief report outlining the Options which could be followed in relation to recent notification from the Planning Appeals Commission in respect of an appeal at Lady Wallace Drive together with a copy of recent correspondence from the Planning Appeals Commission.

After due consideration, it was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor N Trimble and agreed that the use of a Planning Consultant was not required and that planning officers should progress the appeal.

Items for Noting

4.3.3 Pre-application Notice (PAN) – Proposed residential development on lands north of Ballymaconaghy Road, Castlereagh.

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that members note the information provided in relation to a Pre-Application Notice received in respect of a potential major application for a proposed residential development on lands north of Ballymaconaghy Road, including Nos 14, 18, 20, 22 and 24 Ballymaconaghy Road, Castlereagh.

4.3.4 Planning Appeal Decisions as at 21 December 2018

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Alderman T Jeffers and agreed that members note the findings of a Planning Appeals Decision dated 26 November 2018 in relation to planning application LA05/2016/1178/O which advised that the appeal had been dismissed.

4.3.5 Chief Planner's Update issued to Councils

It was proposed by Alderman J Dillon, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that members note information contained within the Chief Planner's Update to Councils dated 7 December 2018.

4.3.6 Listing of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that members note information contained within correspondence from the Department for Communities dated 12 December 2018 providing advance notice of listing in respect of 4 Lisburn Road, Hillsborough.

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that members note information contained within correspondence from the Department for Communities dated 12 December 2018 providing advance notice of listing in respect of 2 Lisburn Road, Hillsborough.

4.3.7 Statutory Performance Indicators April – November 2018

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor N Trimble and agreed that members noted draft monthly performance indicator statistics from the Department of Infrastructure.

4.3.8 Official Planning Statistics relating to Quarter 2 of 2018/19 (April – September 2019)

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that members note that the DfI Northern Ireland Planning Statistics 2018/19 Second Quarterly Statistical Bulletin had been released on Thursday 20 December 2018 and were provided with a link to access the information.

4.3.9 Development Management Practice Note 01

It was proposed by Alderman J Dillon, seconded by Alderman T Jeffers and agreed that members note information within the Development Management Practice Note 1 – Hierarchy of developments – a publication by the Department for Infrastructure (DfI) which is designed to guide planning officers and others engaged in the planning system through the hierarchy of developments and deals primarily with procedures as well as good practice.

4.3.10 Development Management Practice Note 04

It was proposed by Councillor A Givan, seconded by Councillor N Trimble and agreed that members note information within the Development Management Practice Note 4 – Types of Planning Applications – a publication by the Department for Infrastructure (DfI). which is designed to guide planning officers and others engaged in the planning system through the various types of planning applications that exist and their associated requirements and deals primarily with procedures as well as good practice.

4.3.11 Programme Update Letter from BMTP Project Board – Delay to Programme

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Alderman J Dillon and agreed that members note the contents of correspondence dated 12 December 2018 from Tom Reid, Department for Infrastructure (DfI) to the Belfast Metropolitan Transport Plan Project Board regarding an update on the timescale for the Transport Strategy (BMTS).

It was highlighted that the Department's preliminary revised Programme estimates delivery of the detailed Modelling Report by the end of April 2019 with the Draft BMTS subsequently released for Public Consultation by the end of July 2019.

Local Transport Strategies were anticipated for January 2019. These documents will provide an indication of the transport measures required in each of the urban areas and a robust evidence base for both the BMTS and the individual councils' Plan Strategies.

It was highlighted that any slippage in DfI Transport Strategy and related Local Transport Strategy will have implications for the draft Plan Strategy, as the two processes are intended to align.

It was further highlighted that a meeting with Tom Reid and the Transport Planning and Modelling Unit is to be arranged in January 2019 and Members will be advised of the outcome of this and other consultations with DfI in due course.

In response to a question from Councillor N Anderson, the Head of Planning and Capital Development confirmed that pressure was being put on the Department to produce their plan.

4.3.12 Update on Metropolitan Area Spatial Working Group – 17 September 2018

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Alderman T Jeffers and agreed that members note the update provided within the Report including copies of the Minutes of the meeting which had been held in Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council on 3 December 2018 and which would be reported to the Development Committee in February 2019.

4.3.13 Presentation to Development Plan Working Group (DPWG) on 30 November 2018 from DfI Transport and Modelling Unit

It was proposed by Councillor A Givan, seconded by Councillor J Craig and agreed that members note the information within a copy of the presentation given by DfI Transport Planning and Modelling Unit regarding preparation of the Belfast Metropolitan Transport Strategy and Local Transport Strategy at the last Development Plan Working Group on 30 November 2018.

4.3.14 Presentation to Development Plan Working Group (DPWG) on 30 November 2018 from NI Water

It was proposed by Councillor O Gawith, seconded by Councillor N Anderson and agreed that members note the information within a copy of the presentation given by NI Water regarding matters to be considered during the preparation of the Council's draft Plan Strategy at the last Development Plan Working Group on 30 November 2018.

At this juncture, Councillor N Anderson referred to the stay of development in Saintfield and asked if Lisburn and Castlereagh Council had contacted NI Water on the status in that area. The Head of Planning and Capital Development went on to outline the traffic light system operated by NI Water advising how this affected the Lisburn and Castlereagh area and stated that it would be dealt with through the Local Plan process. It was agreed by the Head of Planning and Capital Development that any information regarding this be circulated to members of the Committee.

5. Confidential Report from the Director of Service Transformation

It was agreed that the report and recommendations of the Confidential Report of the Director of Service Transformation be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below.

The Chairman advised that the following items would be discussed 'in Committee' for the reasons indicated on the meeting Agenda.

'In Committee'

It was proposed by Councillor N Anderson, seconded by Councillor J Craig and agreed that the items in the Confidential Report of the Director of Service Transformation be considered 'In Committee', in the absence of press and public being present.

5.1 Legal Updates

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor N Anderson and agreed that members note a verbal update of the lessons learned and interdependency of any Court decision arising from Legal Challenges.

5.2 Cases with Court Proceedings for January 2019.

It was proposed by Alderman J Dillon, seconded by Councillor N Trimble and agreed that members note the information provided on Enforcement Cases with Court Proceedings for the month of January 2019.

5.3 Rolling Year Absence Figures for the Planning Unit

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble, seconded by Councillor A Givan and agreed that the Committee note information showing monthly absence figures for the Planning Unit and the steps being taken to address this.

5.4 Verbal Item – Budgets

An update on Planning Application income and Budgets was provided by the Director of Service Transformation and was noted by the Committee.

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor N Trimble seconded by Councillor N Anderson and agreed to come out of committee and normal business was resumed.

6. Any Other Business

Confidential Reports
Councillor N Trimble

Councillor N Trimble referred to the hard copy of the Confidential Report which had been left on Member's desks at the meeting. He stated that whilst he understood that confidential reports could not be put into the post, it would be his preference to have this circulated with the rest of the reports, if possible at the meeting of full Council.

It was explained that the option of circulating Planning Committee Reports at full Council Meetings was dependent on where in the calendar month the two meetings fell. It was highlighted that Members had been advised that the Report had been available on Share-point for a week before the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 5.55 pm.

CHAIRMAN / MAYOR