

LISBURN CITY & CASTLEREAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting of Shadow Planning Committee held in the Cherry Room, Lisburn City Council offices, Island Civic Centre, The Island, Lisburn on Monday 8th September 2014 at 5.00 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor D Drysdale (Chairman)

Presiding Councillor/Member of Committee
Councillor J Tinsley

Deputy Presiding Councillor
Councillor S Martin

Councillors : N Anderson, R Butler, P Catney, W Dillon, A Ewing, A Girvan, A Grehan, T Jeffers, U Mackin, T Mitchell, John Palmer, L Poots, G Rice, M Tolerton,

OTHER MEMBERS:

Councillors : A Givan

IN ATTENDANCE:

Lisburn City & Castlereagh District Council

Chief Executive

Lisburn City Council

Director of Environmental Services
Acting Assistant Director of Environmental Services (Building Control)
Assistant Director of Corporate Services (MCU) (AG)
Committee Secretary
Transition Manager

Castlereagh Borough Council

Transition Manager
Planning Officer

Commencement of Meeting

The Chairman, Councillor D Drysdale, welcomed all present to the Meeting.

1. Apologies

Apologies for non-attendance at the Meeting were accepted and recorded on behalf of Councillor R T Beckett, Councillor A McIntyre and Councillor B Hanvey.

2. Declarations of Interest

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

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

3. Minutes of Meeting of Shadow Planning Committee held on 7 August 2014.

It was proposed by Councillor W Dillon, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Shadow Planning Committee held on 7 August 2014 as adopted by the Shadow Council at their Meeting held on 13 August 2014 be signed.

4. Reports of Chief Executive

It was agreed that the reports and recommendations of the Chief Executive be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below:-

4.1 Transfer of Department of the Environment Planning Function to the New Lisburn City and Castlereagh District Council.

Presented by Transition Manager.

It was proposed by Councillor J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor G Rice and agreed that an updated Accommodation Report be brought to Committee at a future date and that approval be granted for the engagement of a Consultant to carry out a Due Diligence Report on the future use of the existing Civic Offices at both Lisburn and Castlereagh for the medium to long term needs of the new Lisburn City and Castlereagh District Council.

4.2 Study Visits to Councils in GB

Presented by the Chief Executive

Having been provided with a Schedule and background information in respect of a proposed Study Visit to the London Borough of Sutton Council from 14 to 16 October 2014 which would be preceded by an information event on 18 September 2014 it was proposed by Councillor J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor J Palmer and agreed that the proposed Study Visit, as outlined in the Report, be approved. It was further agreed that the Chair and Vice Chair of each Committee, or their nominees, attend.

4.3 Planning Reform Consultation Document Response ‘Planning Reform and transfer to Local Government – Proposals for Subordinate Legislation. The Planning Act (NI) 2011’.

Presented by Transition Manager.

It was proposed by Councillor P Catney, seconded by Councillor S Martin and agreed that retrospective approval be granted for the response provided by Strategic Planning and Turley Associates at the request of Lisburn City Council, to be forwarded to the Department on behalf of Lisburn City and Castlereagh District Council.

In response to a question from Councillor G Rice, it was confirmed that comments from Castlereagh Borough Council had been incorporated.

At this juncture, the Chief Executive advised that Ms Barbara Elliott had been appointed Planning Manager and went on to outline some aspects of the role involved.

4.4 Planning Statistics

Presented by Transition Manager.

The Committee noted statistical information as at end of July 2014 regarding Planning Applications and Planning Enforcement cases currently under consideration by both Councils was provided to Members.

4.5 Planning Committee Protocol

Presented by Transition Manager.

The Committee noted a copy of a Draft Planning Committee Protocol and the fact that this would be considered by the Transfer of Working Group in due course.

4.6 Correspondence from Linda MacHugh, Director of the Local Government Policy Division 1 Regarding the Transfer of Planning to Local Government

Presented by Transition Manager.

The Committee noted the content of the above correspondence and update Report regarding the Transfer of Planning to Local Government.

4.7 Presentation by Directors

Presented by Chief Executive

The Committee noted that Directors had been invited to make a presentation to the Committee at their meeting in October to give a presentation on the work currently being undertaken in departments to inform a basis for service delivery and integration and a work programme for the new Lisburn City and Castlereagh District Council structures.

5. Tabled Report

It was agreed that the reports and recommendations of the Tabled Report of the Chief Executive be adopted, subject to any decisions recorded below:-

Items 'In Committee'

It was proposed by Councillor J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor G Rice and agreed to go "in committee" to discuss the following items in the absence of the press or public being present:-

1. Correspondence from The Minister for the Environment regarding the Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan 2015.

2. Oral Statement to the Assembly by Mark H Durkan MLA, Minister of the Environment

Resumption of Normal Business

It was proposed by Councillor J Tinsley, seconded by Councillor P Catney and agreed to come out of committee and, on the resumption of normal business, it was noted that the following decisions had been taken:-

1. Correspondence from The Minister for the Environment regarding the Belfast Metropolitan Area Plan 2015; and
2. Oral Statement to the Assembly by Mark H Durkan MLA, Minister of the Environment.

Members noted the above information and it was proposed by Councillor Tinsley, seconded by Councillor Rice and agreed that the Chief Executive liaise closely with Lisburn City Council and Castlereagh Borough Council in respect of the issues to ensure uniformity regarding the way forward.

6. Any Other Business

There being no further business, the Meeting concluded at 5.40 pm.

PRESIDING COUNCILLOR/CHAIRMAN