

Minutes



Planning Committee

Date: 12 June 2024

Time: 10.00 am

Present: Councillors M Spencer (Chair), M Howells, J Jordan, T Harvey, J Reynolds, B Perkins, T Watkins, G Horton, W Routley and J Jones

In Attendance: Andrew Ferguson (Planning and Development Manager), Alun Lowe (Planning Contributions Manager), Tracey Brooks (Head of Regeneration and Economic Development), Kevin Jackson (Traffic Transport and Development Engineer), Joanne Evans (Senior Solicitor), Ian Phillips (Audit Wales) and Allison Rees (Audit Wales). Simon Richards (Governance Officer) and Joseph Walliker (Electoral Services Administrator)

Apologies: Councillors M Linton

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2024 were submitted.

3. **Development Management: Planning Application Schedule**

(1) That decisions be recorded as shown on the Planning Applications Schedule attached as an Appendix A

That the Planning and Development Manager be authorised to draft any amendments to/additional conditions or reasons for refusal in respect of the Planning Applications Schedule, attached.

4. **Audit Wales - Planning Reviews - Newport City Council**

The Planning and Development Manager presented findings of Audit Wales Planning Reviews and the Committee noted the findings, below are the questions raised in relation to the reports.

Questions of Committee Members:

- Councillor Watkins questioned where the data related to gaining a clear understanding of sites as highlighted on page 54 of the reports pack would be stored.

The Planning and Development Manager noted that the desire would be to hold information on brown field sites within Newport with this data passed on to Welsh Government, however The Planning and Development Manager further noted that they would need more guidance from Welsh Government to create the best system for storing and sharing such data.

- Councillor Watkins asked whether members could either provide input on the proposed changes following the review of training or whether they could have a session in which to discuss their views on the changes.

The Planning and Development Manager noted that the training relates to planning staff training and highlighted that once the review and training had taken place a report would be brought forward to Governance and Audit Committee, it was noted that a review session for members could take place following the review and completing of the staff training

- Councillor Reynolds highlighted the desire to have refresher as well as further training in relation to members roles on the Planning Committee, Councillor Reynolds would also like a review on the processes in relation to public speaker's protocols.

The Planning and Development Manager highlighted members always have the option to ask the planning department for further training and informed the Committee that this could be added to a committee agenda in a future meeting to discuss what training would be desired by members.

The Planning and Development Manager also detailed that one of the recommendations was to investigate the processes and code of practice so this issue would be looked at later in the year.

- Councillor Routley gave thanks to quality of the report provided and congratulated the planning officers, department and Audit Wales for the work done.

The meeting terminated at 11:20am