

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE - 24 AUGUST 2004

EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL PLAN: ALTERATION PROCESS

Report by Executive Director of Development and Property Services

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 To present to Committee, for information and approval, a suggested process for progressing the production of the Alteration to the East Ayrshire Local Plan.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 04 May 2004, the Development Services Committee agreed to undertake an alteration of the adopted East Ayrshire Local Plan. Formal advertisement of the Council's intention to start preparation of the alteration of the local plan was placed in the local and national press during the week beginning 10 May 2004 and, as an integral part of the advertisement, an invitation was extended to all interested parties to submit any issues that they wished to see addressed in the local plan alteration process. A total of 98 separate representations were received in the 8 week period set aside for this exercise and these are currently being assessed.
- 2.2 The Development and Property Services Department is currently in the process of preparing a Long Term Development Strategy Options Paper and initial sustainability appraisal for future consideration by the Committee. The options paper sets out a series of options which might be adopted by the Council to achieve its overall strategic development objectives. The sustainability appraisal will provide an indication of the various impacts that the options may have on the environment, the economy and wider community interests in East Ayrshire.

3. THE WAY FORWARD

- 3.1 Prior to formal consideration of the Options Paper and sustainability appraisal by Committee, it is considered imperative that all Local Members, Directors and Heads of Service should be given the opportunity to contribute fully to the preparation of the paper and to provide their views on the various strategic aims and objectives that it is seeking to achieve. In this regard, it is suggested that the following procedures be agreed:
- (i) that following consideration of the options by the Development Services Management Team, the Chair/Vice Chair of the Development Services Committee should be briefed on the development options proposed; thereafter
 - (ii) that the Extended Corporate Management Team consider the implications of the various options proposed, with informal seminars then being arranged with members in each Local Planning Committee Area. This will ensure that full consideration has been given to all member requests and that a broad steer on desired outcomes has been obtained;

- 3.2 It is intended that the Options Paper along with the initial sustainability appraisal will be presented to Committee for consideration at its meeting on 5 October 2004. Thereafter, the Options Paper and initial sustainability appraisal will be circulated to key stakeholders for information and comment and advertised in the local press for consultation purposes. Any representations received within a stated consultation period will be given due consideration by the Council, along with those issues and observations already received by the Planning, Development and Building Standards Division as part of the advertising procedures already carried out.
- 3.3 Having considered, in detail, all of the representations received in respect of the Options Paper and initial sustainability appraisal and having ascertained the views of all involved stakeholders in the development process, it is intended that a preferred development option be selected and presented along with the full sustainability appraisal to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration. Once approved by Committee, it is intended that this preferred option will be incorporated into, and form an integral part of, the draft version of the local plan itself.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications for the Council as a result of the report.

5. LEGAL / AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct legal or authority implications for the Council as a result of the report.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct personnel implications for the Council as a result of the consultation.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Committee agrees:
- (i) to approve the contents of this report; and
 - (ii) to authorise the Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards to implement the process of producing the Alteration to the East Ayrshire Local Plan, as detailed in Section 3 above.

James Lavery
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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