

Minute

Development and Infrastructure Committee

Tuesday, 25 June 2019, 14:15.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors Graham L Sinclair, Andrew Drever, Norman R Craigie, Robin W Crichton, David Dawson, J Harvey Johnston, Rachael A King, W Leslie Manson, James W Stockan, Duncan A Tullock and Kevin F Woodbridge.

Councillor Stephen G Clackson who had been invited for Item 2.

Clerk

- Angela Kingston, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Gavin Barr, Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure.
- Roddy Mackay, Head of Planning, Development and Regulatory Services.
- Colin Kemp, Corporate Finance Senior Manager (for Item 1).
- Karen Bevilacqua, Solicitor.
- Jackie Thomson, Development and Regeneration Manager.
- Shona Croy, Strategic Advisor, Renewables and Connectivity.

Observing

- David Hartley, Communications Team Leader.

Apology

- Councillor Stephen Sankey.

Not Present

- Councillors Alexander G Cowie, Barbara Foulkes, Steven B Heddle, John T Richards, John A R Scott, Gwenda M Shearer, Magnus O Thomson and Owen Tierney, who had been invited for Item 2.

Declaration of Interest

- Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge – Item 1.

Chair

- Councillor Graham L Sinclair.

1. North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme

Councillor Kevin F Woodbridge declared a financial interest in this item, in that he operated a business which could benefit from the potential projects for the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme, however, as the projects were not discussed, he did not leave the meeting.

After consideration of a report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Development and Regeneration Manager, the Committee:

Noted:

- 1.1.** That, in 2015, the North Isles Landscape Partnership was established and comprised the Council, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Royal Society for the Prevention of Birds and Scottish Natural Heritage.
- 1.2.** That the North Isles Landscape Partnership was subsequently developed, with a total projected budget of up to £4,524,211, subject to a full funding package being secured.
- 1.3.** That the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme consisted of a range of projects under several themes, with a list of proposed projects attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure.
- 1.4.** That, to date, funding up to the value of £4,080,904 had been confirmed in respect of the overall budget for the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme, with the balance of £363,307 yet to be secured.
- 1.5.** That the Council was the Proposer of the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme and was responsible to Heritage Lottery Fund for overall management and delivery of the Scheme.
- 1.6.** That a Steering Group, comprising representatives from each of the partnership members, was responsible for overseeing delivery of the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme.
- 1.7.** That appropriate delegation required to be in place to permit Council officers to deliver the Scheme on behalf of the Partnership in an efficient and effective manner.

The Committee resolved to **recommend to the Council**:

- 1.8.** That powers be delegated to the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, in consultation with the North Isles Landscape Partnership Steering Group, to determine grant applications from community groups in respect of a range of projects, and thereafter manage and deliver the North Isles Landscape Partnership Scheme.

2. Development Management Guidance: Energy

After consideration of a report by the Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure, together with an Equality Impact Assessment, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Planning, Development and Regulatory Services, the Committee:

Noted:

2.1. That, on 14 May 2019, the Council declared a Climate Emergency.

2.2. That Development Management Guidance provided advice on technical issues and the interpretation of given policies where a need arose, thus ensuring a consistency of approach.

2.3. That Development Management Guidance on Energy had been prepared to provide additional clarity regarding the material factors, outlined within Supplementary Guidance: Energy, to be considered in the assessment of planning applications.

On the motion of Councillor Graham L Sinclair, seconded by Councillor Andrew Drever, the Committee resolved to **recommend to the Council**:

2.4. That the Development Management Guidance: Energy, attached as Appendix 1 to this Minute, be approved.

3. Conclusion of Meeting

At 14:50 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Graham L Sinclair.