

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTE OF MEETING OF 9 MARCH 2023

LOCAL REVIEW BODY PROCEDURE REVIEW PLA/23/079

6. The Committee had before it a report by the Chief Officer – Strategic Place Planning, which sought approval to change the constitution of the Local Review Body (LRB) following an instruction given at the Planning Development Management Committee (PDMC) of 12 January 2023.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee –

- (a) note the options presented in the report in relation to the constitution of the LRB;
- (b) approve Option 2 as the preferred option for the constitution of the LRB; and
- (c) refer the proposed changes to the constitution of the Local Review Body (LRB) outlined in Option 2 of this report to the Full Council meeting of 26 April 2023 for formal adoption.

The Convener moved, seconded by Councillor Copland:-

That the Committee -

- (i) note the options presented in the report in relation to the constitution of the LRB;
- (ii) agree the recommendations contained within option two of the report subject to the following changes:
 1. Membership of the local review body is drawn exclusively from PDMC Members on a rota basis, and members have the dates set in their diaries.
 2. LRB Membership at any specific meeting is set at 5 members and a quorum at 3 Members.
 3. A local ward Member cannot take part in decision making at the LRB when it is considering an application in the ward that Member represents.
 4. Any substitutes to be exclusively drawn from PDMC Members and must be notified to the Committee Clerk as far as possible in advance of the meeting so that there is time to ensure that this would not result in a member from the ward as an application on the LRB.
 5. LRB to be chaired by the Convenor of the PDMC, or Vice Convenor or another member if they are both unavailable or are precluded from taking part in the decision making at the LRB because it is considering an application in the Member's ward; and
- (iii) **refer the proposed changes to the constitution of the LRB to the Full Council meeting of 26 April 2023 for formal adoption.**

Councillor Boulton moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Mrs Stewart:-

That the Committee approve option 2 as outlined in the report.

On a division, there voted:- for the motion (7) – the Convener and Councillors Allard, Cooke, Copland, Clark, van Sweeden and Thomson – for the amendment (5) –

Councillors Blake, Boulton, Lawrence, Farquhar and Mrs Stewart – absent from the vote (1) – the Vice Convener.

The Committee resolved:-

to adopt the motion.