

Appendix 7

Minute 34

Planning Committee 8 June 2016

Arising from a report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration (previously considered by the Planning Committee on 20 April 2016), the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 23 May 2016 had requested that further consideration be given to:

- a) The length of time that a Ward Member is allowed to speak to an application;
- b) That photographs be posted on the website, (Public Access), in advance of the meeting; and
- c) The process for examining business cases for applications be reviewed to give reassurance of the validity of the information with the possibility of sending for external examination.

The Head of Planning and Regeneration explained the background behind the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee. Consideration was given to:

- Whether unlimited time for Ward Members to speak was beneficial
- If the powerpoint presentation was available on the website there could be data protection issues with regard to publishing pictures of the internal layout of local residences and possible technical issues with regard to uploading such a presentation in the appropriate place on the website and that the majority of the information was already available in Public Access.
- The possibility of producing guidance and a possible proforma to help validate information with regard to business cases.

It was therefore:

RESOLVED that:

- a) Ward Members be given 5 minutes to speak on issues within their Ward.
- b) Photographs and the powerpoint presentation NOT be made available on the website but continue to be made available at Planning Committee meetings.
- c) The possibility of producing clear guidance and a possible proforma to aid the validation of business cases be investigated.