

**ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL****INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES COMMITTEE****SPECIAL MEETING****WOODHILL HOUSE, ABERDEEN, 1 DECEMBER, 2016**

**Present:** Councillors D Aitchison (Chair), G J Clark (Vice Chair), W A Agnew, P J Argyle, J Gifford (substitute for M Roy), J Ingram (substitute for J B Cox), J Latham (substitute for H Partridge), R McKail (substitute for A Gardiner), R J Merson, I J Mollison, C H Nelson, C Shand (substitute for S Lonchay) and H Vernal.

**Apologies:** Councillors Gardiner and Lonchay.

**Officers:** Director of Infrastructure Services, Head of Service (Planning and Building Standards), Planning Manager, Senior Planner (J Martin), Chief Accountant, Senior Solicitor (M Ingram), and Committee Officer (K Macleod).

**1. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

The Chair asked Members if they had any interests to declare in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

All Members intimated that the applicant was known to them but that they would continue to participate in the meeting.

**2. RESOLUTIONS****A. PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY**

In making decisions on the following items of business, the Committee **agreed**, in terms of Section 149 of the Equality Act, 2010:-

- (1) to have due regard to the need to:-
  - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
  - (b) advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
  - (c) foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- (2) where an Equality Impact Assessment was provided, to consider its contents and take those into account when reaching a decision.

**PLANNING AND BUILDING STANDARDS****3. FULL PLANNING PERMISSION FOR ERECTION OF 1 NO. WIND TURBINE (HUB HEIGHT 32 METRES), TOTAL HEIGHT 45.5 METRES; SITING OF EQUIPMENT CABIN AND FORMATION OF VEHICULAR ACCESS AT BEECHWOOD, BURNEND, FORGLEN, TURRIFF – REFERENCE: APP/2013/2779**

With reference to the Minute of Meeting of Aberdeenshire Council of 26 October, 2016 (Item 5, Page 643), when it had been agreed that the decision of the Banff and Buchan Area

Committee on 6 September, 2016 to approve APP/2013/2779 could not be implemented due to a new material planning consideration, and, accordingly that the application should be reconsidered at a special meeting of the Infrastructure Services Committee, there had been circulated a report by the Director of Infrastructure Services which sought consideration of the application for full planning permission for the erection of one wind turbine (hub height 32 metres, total height 45.5 metres), siting of equipment cabin, and formation of vehicular access at Beechwood, Burned, Forglen, Turriff, which had been submitted by an elected member and was recommended for refusal.

Councillor McKail, seconded by Councillor Vernal, moved to defer consideration of the application to allow Members to undertake a site visit to enable consideration of the impacts of the proposal in terms of Policy 3: Development in the Countryside.

As an amendment, Councillor Argyle, seconded by Councillor Mollison, moved that the Committee hear from the Planning Officer.

Members of the Committee voted:-

for the motion	(7)	Councillors Aitchison, Clark, Ingram, McKail, Merson, Shand and Vernal.
for the amendment	(6)	Councillors Agnew, Argyle, Gifford, Latham, Mollison and Nelson.

The **motion was carried** and the Committee **agreed** to defer consideration of the application to allow Members to undertake a site visit to enable consideration of the impacts of the proposal in terms of Policy 3: Development in the Countryside.