

PLANNING

1 October 2014
10.00 am - 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Dryden (Chair), Blencowe (Vice-Chair), Hipkin, Gawthrope, Hart, Pippas, C. Smart and Tunnacliffe

FOR ADOPTION BY THE COUNCIL

14/61/PLAN Ombudsman Finding of Maladministration

The Committee received a report from the Head of Legal Services.

The report referred to The Local Government Ombudsman who made findings of maladministration in respect of two complaints. The complaints related to the determination of planning application 14/0342/FUL.

The matter had already been reported to the Planning Committee at a meeting held on 6 August but, at that point, the Ombudsman's decisions had not been issued.

The Committee were advised of the Ombudsman's final decision which read as follows,

"The Council was at fault for failing to take account of the locally protected status of a building when it granted permission for the building to be extended. It has since done everything reasonable to put this right and, as there was no other fault with the process, there is no reason for me to pursue the complaint."

The report sought to recommend to full Council that it endorses the actions taken by Officers in response to the findings of the Local Government Ombudsman

The Committee:

Resolved (unanimously) to recommend to full Council that it endorses the actions taken by Officers in response to the findings of the Local Government Ombudsman.