ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar, on Tuesday 4 November 2014 at 10.00 am.

Present:

Councillors BILL DUFF, BILL BOWLES, COLIN BROWN, LYNNE DEVINE, MAIRI EVANS, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, JEANETTE GAUL, ALEX KING, DAVID LUMGAIR and BOB SPINK.

Councillor BILL DUFF, Vice Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Rob Murray and lan McLaren.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/INTIMATIONS OF CONTACT

Councillor David Fairweather declared a non-financial interest in Report No 447/14 (Article 7), as he had received a telephone call from the applicant's agent. He had made no comment. He intimated that he would participate in any discussion and voting.

Councillor Duff, in relation to Report No 447/14 (Article 7), intimated that when a previous matter relating to GSK had been considered by Committee, he had declared an interest and withdrawn from the meeting. Since then his circumstances had changed and his son, who had worked at the Company at that time, had since left their employment. As a consequence of that, he would not now declare an interest in this application.

The Vice Convener intimated that all members had been contacted by e-mail by the planning agent of the proprietor of the site in relation to Report No 447/14 (Article 7).

3. BUILDING WARRANTS

The Committee noted that, during the period 29 September 2014 to 24 October 2014, a total of 57 Building Warrants, 3 Demolition Warrants and 13 Amendments to Warrant had been approved with an estimated cost of £5,702,486.

4. DELEGATED DECISIONS

The Committee noted that, during the period 27 September 2014 to 25 October 2014, a total of 72 planning applications had been approved, and 4 refused, under the Scheme of Delegation to officers.

5. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of this Committee of 7 October 2014 was approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice Convener.

PLANNING APPLICATION

6. LAND ADJACENT TO BUILDING AT 79G, MONTROSE WORKS, COBDEN STREET, MONTROSE

There was submitted Report No 446/14 by the Head of Planning and Place, detailing application No 14/00697/EIAM, for the erection of a new pharmaceutical manufacturing and process facility for GSK PLC on land adjacent to Building 79G, GSK, Cobden Street, Montrose. The application was recommended for conditional approval.

Slides were shown.

The Committee agreed that the application be approved for the reason, and subject to, the conditions detailed in Section 10 of the Report.

7. ENFORCEMENT CASE - LAND AT BUILDER'S YARD, SCROGGERFIELD, DOUGLASTOWN, FORFAR

With reference to Article 12 of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 11 March 2014, there was submitted Report No 447/14 by the Head of Planning and Place, providing an update to the enforcement circumstances relating to the land and buildings at Scroggerfield, Douglastown.

Having heard the Service Manager – Planning respond to questions from members, the Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the current position in respect of the site and the course of action taken by the Planning Service to address and/or regularise the unauthorised use of land and buildings at the site; and
- (ii) that an update report would be submitted to the Committee at its next meeting on 25 November 2014.

8. ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

There was submitted Report No 448/14 by the Head of Planning and Place on the progress of enforcement cases which had been agreed previously by the Committee.

Having heard the Service Manager – Planning and the Principal Solicitor respond to questions from members, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.