

ITEM 4

Time commenced 6.00 pm
Time finished 8.20 pm

ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION 27 NOVEMBER 2006

Present: Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)
Councillors Afzal, Care, Ingall, Poulter, Rawson, Tittley, Travis
and West

50/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carr and Hird.

51/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

52/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

53/06 Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 25 September and 23 October 2006 were confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

54/06 Call-In

There were no items for call-in.

Items for Discussion

55/06 Short Tour of the Assembly Rooms

The Commission received a short tour around the Assembly Rooms by Peter Ireson, Manager – Assembly Rooms and Guildhall Theatre.

Resolved to note the tour

56/06 Report on the Assembly Rooms

The Commission received a presentation from Peter Ireson, Manager of the Assembly Rooms and Guildhall Theatre on the current workings and position of the Assembly Rooms. It was reported that the aim of the Assembly Rooms was to provide a balanced programme, with something for everyone. It was also reported that investments on the building had so far only been when necessary, but as the

building was 30 years old some elements of it were coming to the end of their life, and resources were an issue. The limitations of the stage meant the type of shows that the Assembly Rooms could host were limited.

Resolved to note the presentation and thank Peter Ireson for his time.

57/06 Tree Management Policy

The Commission considered a report on the revised Tree Management Policy. The proposed amendments to the Tree Management Policy were discussed. Several Commission members suggested that the Policy should provide for more input from ward members, that there was a need for a tree management strategy and more resources were needed for tree management. A Commission member suggested some specific changes to the Policy and these were subsequently included with the approval of the Chair.

Resolved to note the report

58/06 Consideration of the Proposals contained in the Regional Plan

The Commission considered an oral report from Rob Salmon, Head of Plans and Policies, on the proposals contained in the East Midlands Regional Plans.

A Commission member asked for the deadline for comments to be extended by one week.

There was concern that the Regional Plan proposals might result in large numbers of new dwelling houses being built without adequate community and transport facilities. There was concern that Derby did not have the facilities to cope with a large number of new houses.

Members thought that the design of the new houses should reflect the likely life of the properties and that they needed to incorporate energy saving features.

A Commission member recognised the need for new housing but said that this needed to include an adequate proportion of affordable housing. There was support for the concept of city living and for the use of brownfield sites.

Resolved to agree that the Co-ordination Officer would survey Commission members by e-mail and would prepare a response from the Commission based on the comments he received.

59/06 Performance Eye

The Commission received a presentation from Malcolm Price – Derby's Waste Manager on the performance indicators BVPI199 regarding graffiti, street cleaning and detritus. He detailed the surveys which were carried out 3 times per year each over a 10 day period and explained what the figures showed.

Resolved to note the report.

60/06 Retrospective Scrutiny – Update on the decision to proceed with applying new Traffic Orders to St Peter's Street

It was reported to the Commission that as a decision to not allow the Traffic Order to be applied for had been approved at Council, the Commission no longer needed to consider the issue.

61/06 Work Plan – Progress with the Environment Commission's review of Public Art

The Commission received an update on the progress so far on the review of Public Art and the next stages of the review.

Resolved to note the report.

62/06 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Commission resolved to receive the following item:

96/05 Derby City Council's Enforcement of Dog Fouling and Dog Control Legislation

63/06 Responses of the Council Cabinet/ Council Cabinet Members to any reports of the Commission

The Commission received a minute extract from the Corporate Policy, Personnel, Performance Management and Economic Development Cabinet Members meeting responding to the recommendations arising from the review of the Council's Use of Energy by the former Planning and Environment Commission.

Resolved to note the report

64/06 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet/Council Cabinet Members

There were no items.

MINUTES END