

Time commenced 6.00pm
Time finished 8.30pm

**NEIGHBOURHOODS COMMISSION
19 SEPTEMBER 2011**

Present: Councillor Jackson (Chair)
Councillors Davis, Rawson, Roberts and Troup

19/11 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Keith.

20/11 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

In accordance with Section 100(B) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to admit the following late item on the grounds that it should be considered as a matter of urgency on the basis that a decision was required before the next scheduled meeting:

- Motion from Council.

21/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

22/11 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair

23/11 Call-in

There were no call-ins received for the commission to consider.

24/11 Motion from Council

The Commission considered a motion from Council held on 12 September 2011.

‘ Council calls on the Cabinet Member to carry out an independent health and safety check on the current method of transporting children to and from school, and on school activities, and to include parents in the proposed consultation with schools, in order to improve safety for passengers, including vehicles having one seatbelt per child’.

Resolved to carry out a topic review on the current method of transporting children to and from school and school activities.

25/11 Topic Review on the Multisports Arena

The Commission considered a report which stated that at the last meeting the Commission received presentations on all the key issues and priorities for the Neighbourhoods Directorate for the forthcoming year. Following the presentation the Commission decided to choose the Multi – Sports Arena as its Topic Review for 2011/12. It was felt that a presentation on the history and progress of the Multi-sports arena would help to determine which aspect of the multi – Sports Arena the Commission wished to look at.

Claire Davenport gave a presentation on the history of the project to date. Outline planning consent had not yet been sought, this would be done in conjunction with Derby County so that both designs could be brought together. There was concern about losses of car parking spaces but this had been included in the design. Various options were being considered including a decked car park but this was an expensive option. The aim of the project was to meet a gap in the market particularly in the public sector. Participation for all was the driver with the aim of not pricing out Derby people.

Councillor Rawson was concerned about the proposed location and felt that a City Centre location would be better. The Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods explained that there were not any suitable city centre locations particularly due to infrastructure practicalities and costs, getting people in and out from the venue and potential nuisance to nearby residential properties.

The project had brought forward the plans by Derby County for the Plaza and there was network rail development nearby.

The Commission felt that they may be able to help with the fundamental design of the Multi-Sports arena and the management and governance arrangements.

The design outline was required by the end of October 2011 with the finalised design by December 2011.

Resolved

- 1. to receive the draft designs at the next meeting.**
- 2. to look at governance models and benchmark other similar projects to find examples of what does and what does not work.**

26/11 Transforming Derby Museums – Options, Feasibility and Recommendation for New Governance

The Commission considered a report which had been approved by Council Cabinet on 6 September 2011. Council Cabinet had approved the establishment of a 'Trust Option' as the chosen model to deliver the Council's Vision for Derby Museums.

Stuart Gillis – Director of Museum Transformation explained that ownership of the buildings and collections would stay with the Council. It would be a lease of asset and loan of collection agreement for a number of years. It was noted that TUPE arrangements would apply for the staff.

The Commission felt that they would like to look at the constitution of the Trust.

Resolved to review the constitution of the Trust.

27/11 Waste Rounds

The Commission considered a report which summarised the role of Derby Direct in helping manage customer contacts for a range of Council services including the Streetpride service and highlighted the role of self service technology within Derby Direct has had in improving customer service and reducing costs.

The report also detailed the actions Derby Direct took to minimise the impact on customer contact as a result of the anticipated increase in customer contact from the Rounds Rebalancing project. Derby Direct had delivered significant performance in managing the increased volume of contacts.

Tim Clegg – Director of Streetpride and Mick McLachlan – Head of Waste Management gave the Commission an update on the progress on the new waste collection rounds. There had been some problems with sickness and with crews getting to know the new rounds. There had been a few issues with exemptions but these were being resolved.

Bernard Fenton – Head of Customer Services reported that there had been a 153% increase in customer contacts which amounted to 12,491 additional customer contacts during the first few weeks of the new rounds being implemented. He also reported on the Lagan system which would share a view of our customers to avoid duplication

Resolved to note the report.

28/11 Vital Earth Visit

The Commission requested that a visit to Vital Earth be arranged.

Resolved to arrange a visit to Vital Earth.

29/11 Retrospective Scrutiny

The Commission requested a review of the Tree Policy.

30/11 Forward Plan

No items were requested.

31/11 Responses to any reports and enquiries of the Commission

There were no items.

32/11 Matters referred by the Council Cabinet

There were no items referred by the Council Cabinet.

MINUTES END