

Time commenced 6.00 pm
Time finished 8.00 pm

ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
31 JULY 2006

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

16/06 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Care and Tittley.

17/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

18/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

19/06 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2006 were confirmed as correct record and signed by the Chair

20/06 Call-In

There were no items for call-in.

Standing Items

21/06 Performance Eye

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Resources and Housing that detailed a list of Best Value Performance Indicators and measures from the new Corporate Plan and Local Area Agreement that were relevant to the Commission.

An amended Appendix 2 was circulated to Members that highlighted proposed indicators for inclusion in the Performance Eye scorecard.

Resolved to include the below for quarterly monitoring:

BV102, BV109a, BV109b, BV109c, BV165, BV166a, BV166b, BV199a, BV199b, BV199vc, BV199d, BV215a, BV216b, BV217, BV218a, BV218b, BV82a, BV82b, BV84, BV99a (i), BV99c (i).

22/06 Closure of the Riverside Walk Adjacent to the Silk Mill

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed the reasons for the temporary closure of the riverside walk.

Chris Edwards – Assistant Director, Property Services - reported that the footpath was closed in April 2002 to allow the fire escape to the Silk Mill to be replaced. During the project there was a fire in the roof of the Silk Mill, repair of which was completed in March 2003. The fire escape was then found to have historical and architectural interest and need to be fenced. Approval was received in January 2004. In February 2004 it was discovered that the fire escape had considerably deteriorated and was in danger of collapse, therefore the path had to remain closed.

Funding of £70,000 had been granted by English Heritage and £30,000 had been approved by Council Cabinet. The work was now due to be completed on 29 September 2006.

Chris Edwards also highlighted a number of 'lessons learnt' from the process.

Resolved

- 1. to note the report and the reasons for the temporary closure of the Walk**
- 2. to thank Chris Edwards for a comprehensive report.**

Items for Discussion

23/06 Sponsorship Topic Review – Executive Summary and Recommendations

The Commission considered a report from the Chair of the Commission that detailed the final recommendations of the review of Sponsorship for Arts Events.

Resolved

- 1. to approve the final recommendations of the Commission's review of Sponsorship for Arts Events**
- 2. to ask the Chair to present the Commissions report to the Council Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services.**

24/06 Work Plan 2006/07

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed suggestions from Commission Members about items that it wished to consider within its work plan.

Resolved

1. to consider the following items at the most appropriate meeting of the Commission:

- **Derby's Night Time Economy**
- **Travel Planning**
- **Cycle Derby**

2. to look at how Public Art could be developed in Derby, as a topic review

25/06 Public Art: A Decision Making Framework and Section 106 Agreements

The Commission considered and commented on a report from the Director of Regeneration and Community that provided details of past and current Section 106 Agreement that had secured public art. Ray Ripplingale agreed to discuss the Commissions comments with the steering group.

Resolved to note the report.

26/06 Sports Centre Development Plan

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Environmental Services that provided an update on the Sports Facilities Development Plan. It was reported that the Plan had been structured around three options for investment, basic refurbishment, adaptation and remodelling or total rebuild.

It was reported that on 7 September 2004 Council Cabinet approved the Best Value Review 29 point Improvement Plan that recommended three inter related pieces of work be completed. The three pieces of work Andrew Beddow – Head of Sport and Leisure – advised that the proposed closure of Lancaster Sports Centre would be considered at Council Cabinet on 1 August 2006.

Councillor Graves considered that investment in sports centres was difficult as although there was an idea that lottery money could be accessed, it tended to be for new build, and that Derby's sport centres needed refurbishing not rebuilding. He considered that although the closure of Lancaster Sports Centre could be delayed it would be better for money to be invested into the other sport centres. It was noted that a number of user groups had been found alternative accommodation for their activities.

It was noted that £30,000 had been spent on improving disabled facilities at all of the city's sports centres.

It was considered that Lancaster Sports Centre provided a specialised service to a number of different groups and therefore should be looked at and dealt with in a special way.

Resolved

- 1. to note the update on the progress made with the Sports Facilities Development Plan**
- 2. to note that the proposed closure of Lancaster Sports Centre was being considered at Council Cabinet on 1 August 2006.**

27/06 QUAD

The Commission received a verbal update on QUAD. It was reported that the installation of the hoardings would begin on 29 August 2006. It was noted that a report would be presented to Council Cabinet on 5 September 2006 asking for approval to sign off the main construction contract. Tendering would take place over the summer, with work beginning in October 2006 and finishing in December 2007. Keith Jeffery had been appointed as the Director of Quad and would take up the post early September 2006.

Resolved to note the update.

28/06 Visit to ULTra Test Track Cardiff

The Commission considered a report from the Chair of the Environment Commission that provided background information about ULTra, following the Commissions visit to the ULTra test track in Cardiff.

It was reported that ULTra was a type of personalised rapid transit that may be suitable for Derby. Councillor Wynn considered that it was more than just a form of transport, it was a way to enhance city centre living.

Resolved to note the report.

29/06 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

There were no items.

30/06 Responses of the Council Cabinet/ Council Cabinet Members to any reports of the Commission

There were no items.

31/06 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet/Council Cabinet Members

There were no items.

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