

Time commenced 6.00 pm
Time finished 8.39 pm

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
28 JULY 2008

Present: Councillor Poulter (Chair)
Councillors Banwait, Batey, Dhindsa, Harwood, Holmes and
Lowe

01/08 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Care and Repton.

02/08 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items introduced.

03/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/08 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

05/08 Call-In

There were no items for Call-in.

The supporting information in relation to the call-in process was noted by the Commission.

**06/08 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of
the Commission**

There were none.

Items for Discussion

07/08 Planning and Transportation Issues in Derby

The Commission received a briefing from the Corporate Director of Regeneration and Community on the planning and transportation issues faced by the Council including the national and local developments over the next 12 months, the department's budgetary process and pressures

Members questioned how planning applications that crossed county council boundaries were dealt with. It was reported that each local authority affected was consulted and provided input to the authority making the final decision on the application.

Members raised concerns about the downturn in the parking revenue and questioned whether parking available in the city provided by the Council was used to its capacity. It was reported that the car parks did not reach their capacity currently but following developments in the Cathedral Quarter including the opening of Primark there were early indications that members of the public were again visiting parts of the city other than Westfield.

Resolved to note the briefing.

08/08 Local Development Framework – Core Strategy ‘Issues and Ideas’ Consultation Paper

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on Local Development Framework – Core Strategy ‘Issues and Ideas’ Consultation Paper. The list at Appendix 2 provided an idea of the broad topic areas which it expected the Core Strategy to cover, along with some of the main issues and questions that the Strategy would need to address.

Resolved to note the report.

09/08 Highways and Footways Maintenance Review

The Commission considered the draft report resulting from its highways and footways maintenance review, which drew on the responses to a survey of six comparable local authorities. That provided data about the kilometre totals of the highway and footway and funding and spend in each council area. The second evidence strand was a questionnaire returned by Pointer Panel members which provided evidence of the public’s perception of Derby’s highway and footway maintenance. As well as including the city-wide analysis, the responses for each of the 17 wards were included. The generally favourable outcome of the two surveys led to six conclusions being drawn by the Commission, which are set out at page 22 of the report. A key outcome was that there are no obvious funding streams that were not already being tapped by the Council.

Resolved:

- 1. to confirm the report and ask Council Cabinet to approve and adopt the recommendations as set out at page 23 of the report;**

10/08 Review on Backland Development

The Commission received an oral report explaining that the work on the interim planning guidance document on backland development was in hand, with a

consultation draft expected in the Autumn. The interim guidance would eventually be rolled up in the formal Design Supplementary Planning Document when work on other topics were complete.

Members requested that the Commission be consulted on the interim guidance document at the public consultation stage before it was finalised by the Council Cabinet.

Resolved:

- 1. That the interim guidance document be brought to the Commission at the consultation stage before it was finalised by the Council Cabinet.**

11/08 Performance Monitoring

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on Performance Monitoring. There were 16 annual indicators of which twelve showed a performance traffic light. Of the twelve, nine showed green and three were red. There were ten quarterly reported indicators all with a performance traffic light, six showed green and four red.

Resolved to note the report.

12/08 Remit and Work Programme

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on Remit and Work Programme. The Chair of the Commission suggested an 'awayday' for members to agree on the items for the work programme for the next municipal year.

Resolved:

- 1. that theme A. 'Street lighting – roles and accountabilities' be considered on 22 September and Balfour Beatty and Central Networks be requested to attend;**
- 2. theme C. 'Free bus pass issues: i) validity times ii) cross area compatibility/anomalies' be considered on 22 September, and be linked to the Regeneration & Community Department's review of the first months of the operation of the England-wide scheme;**
- 3. that in order to raise awareness among the newly constituted Commission, and aid the finalisation of a two year work programme, an Awayday be held in early September**
 - a) to cover i) the linked issues 'theme B. Neighbourhood Forums wishes and Highways and Transportation responses' and 'theme D. Highways and Footways spending – budget issues' with the presentation taking account of the suggestion that a topic review be undertaken on the desirability of disaggregating the Highways budget to Neighbourhood Boards and ii) 'theme E. public satisfaction with the planning function'**

b) the in addition to all members of the Commission, an invitation to attend be extended to i) the Neighbourhood Managers and ii) resident representatives on each Neighbourhood Board and c) the 22 September meeting then agree a work programme based on the outcomes.

13/08 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items identified.

14/08 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

There were no items.

**15/08 Matters referred to the Commission by Council
Cabinet**

There were no items.

MINUTES END