

MINUTE EXTRACT

Time began 6.01pm

Time ended 7.11pm

COUNCIL CABINET 16 MARCH 2010

Present: Councillor Allen (Chair)
Councillors Care, Carr, Naitta, Skelton and Troup

In attendance: Councillors Bayliss, Ingall and Jennings

This record of decisions was published on 18 March 2010. The key decisions set out in this record will come into force and may be implemented on the expiry of five clear days unless a key decision is called in.

197/09 Review of Heritage Assets and the Management of the Historic Environment

The Council Cabinet considered a report on a Review of Heritage Assets and the Management of the Historic Environment. The Planning and Transportation Commission decided that a major item of their work programme in 2009/10 should be The Historic Environment and in particular Buildings of Heritage and Importance. This area of responsibility had been transferred to the Commission's portfolio and it coincided with the recent English Heritage (EH) publication 'Making the Most of Your Local Heritage: A Guide for Overview and Scrutiny Committees' (May 2009). Officers in the Regeneration Division prepared a full report (at Appendix 2) to give a local view and to answer the two key questions set out in the English Heritage Guidance:

- a) How can the Historic Environment contribute more toward our Authority's main strategic aims?
- b) How is our Authority protecting key historic assets for future generations?

The report also addressed the supplementary questions posed in the English Heritage guidance note.

Following a brief introduction that highlighted the importance of the historic environment, the report looked at the local conservation service here in Derby. Each of the case studies featured in the English Heritage guidance note were then reviewed in the local context from which the most salient points were drawn together in the concluding section, paras.3.53 to 3.58 of the report. The report made specific reference to Derby's statutory list of Listed Buildings and to the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site, (DVMWHS). The report's authors suggested practical steps that the

Commission might wish to put forward to Council Cabinet. The Commission's consideration of the report was on 10 December 2009 and the outcome was the confirmation of the recommendations below.

1. To request English Heritage to undertake a full review of the Derby list of statutory listed buildings
2. To support the active promotion of the Derwent Valley Mills Worlds Heritage Site as a major heritage/tourism asset and as a major economic driver for the city
3. To acknowledge the historic environment as a major contributor to the character and economic well-being of the city within the Local Development Framework Core Strategy and within future reviews of the Sustainable Community Strategy
4. To request officers to continue to seek out external funding opportunities to assist bringing historic buildings back into use; and
5. To recommend that Heritage Open Days be promoted by all those Council services that can contribute towards a varied programme of events

Decision

To note the report.

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