

Time commenced 6.00 pm
Time finished 7:20 pm

**PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
17 MARCH 2008**

Present: Councillor Dhindsa (in the Chair)
Councillors Berry, Care, Chera, Jennings, Lowe and Repton

67/07 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Tittley

68/07 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were none

69/07 Declarations of Interest

There were none

70/07 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2008 were confirmed as a correct record subject to minute number 56/07 being amended by removing the last sentence of paragraph one after the word "partnership" and the last sentence of paragraph 3. The minutes of the special meeting held on 14 February 2008 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

71/07 Call-In

There were no items

Items for Discussion

72/07 Performance Eye

The Commission considered the latest information in Performance Eye. It was noted that some Performance Indicators were only measured annually, yet needed to be reported on quarterly. The Commission raised concerns regarding the indicators with no commentary as it was difficult to see if they were on target for the year end. The commission also raised concerns regarding the BV109 indicators, which showed that there were upcoming staffing problems in Planning, which may affect the achievement of performance indicators.

Resolved:

- 1. To note the update.**

2. **To request monitoring information for indicators with no commentary on Performance Eye be brought to future meetings.**
3. **To raise the Commission's concerns regarding the staffing problems within the Planning team with the Council Cabinet Member.**

73/07 Retrospective Scrutiny

Councillor Care highlighted concerns regarding the decision to implement parking controls in Littleover Ward. She was concerned that the parking scheme around the City Hospital had gone live while the consultation process was still going on. Residents had reported that the implementation of the scheme had displaced some vehicles, which had in turn caused other problems in other areas. Concern had been raised that the introduction of further schemes in the area might cause additional problems in the area.

Resolved to request a report from the relevant officers regarding the phasing of the parking controls scheme in Littleover and how displacement problems would be taken into account in the implementation of any other parking schemes across the City

74/07 City Centre Eastern Fringes Area Action Plan

The Commission received the Cabinet Report on the City Centre Eastern Fringes Action Plan. Steven Lee, Senior Planning Officer, spoke through the 8 character areas of the plan, and highlighted the major features and the changes since the Commission had last seen the plan. It was reported that the master plan was a starting point for the developments in the area. The main residential focus would be at Castleward, and they were looking to attract a mix of communities to the area. It was noted that some of the ideas in the action plan were aspirational and would depend on the developers and the businesses attracted to the area.

The Commission indicated that they felt there was further potential to develop Derby's History and Culture with the developments, and it was felt there would be scope within the existing plans to do so.

Resolved to note the update

75/07 Highways and Footpath Maintenance Review

The Commission received the draft topic review report on Highways and Footways maintenance. It was reported that the review had not uncovered many differences with the way local authorities approached these issues, but some interesting areas had been highlighted. These were:

- The higher LTP level at Leicester
- The levels of compensation at Warrington
- The increased use of recycled materials by some local authorities

It was noted that there had been a promise of an increase in the percentage of recycled materials used in road surfacing from the new suppliers, and the Commission felt that an update regarding this would be helpful. It was acknowledged that there was still a problem of the quality of highways within the city, and this would be a major problem for the Council to solve in the future.

Resolved:

- 1. To seek further information regarding the Leicester LTP allocation and see whether it suggests ways to increase Derby's LTP allocation**
- 2. To examine the information on compensation paid by other local authorities and see whether there are any lessons to be learned.**

76/07 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

There were no items.

77/07 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

The Commission received the response from the Council Cabinet to the Topic Review on Backland Development. The Commission requested some clarification from officers regarding the response to recommendation 1, as it was felt that it was unclear what commitment to using SPD had been agreed.

Resolved to request clarification from officers regarding the response to recommendation 1

The Commission received the response from the Council Cabinet to the Commissions' budget recommendations, The Commission were disappointed to note that the recommendations regarding 'Wayfinding' and footway maintenance had not been adopted by the Cabinet.

Resolved to note the response

78/07 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet/Council Cabinet Members

There were no items.

MINUTES END