



## EXECUTIVE

**5.30 p.m. – 6.15 p.m.**

**4 March 2009**

Present: Councillors Morphew (Chair), Morrey (Vice-Chair), Arthur, Blakeway, Brociek-Coulton, Sands and Waters

Apologies Councillor Bremner

Also present: Councillors Lubbock, Ramsay and Stephenson

### 1. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** to approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2009.

### 2. DRAFT POLICY ON DECOMMISSIONING COUNCIL HOUSING

The Director of Regeneration and Development presented the report and together with the Senior Development Officer answered questions.

Councillor Arthur, Executive Member for Housing and Adult Services, agreed with the Director of Regeneration and Development, that the policy would encapsulate the exemplary practice already taking place. It was important to include tenants and the Citywide Board in the consultation and to have a robust policy that everyone had signed up to.

Councillor Blakeway, Executive Member for Neighbourhood Development said ward councillors should be responsible for the wards they represent.

The Chair invited the Citywide Board to send their comments to the Scrutiny Committee.

### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) to refer the draft policy on decommissioning council housing to Scrutiny Committee the Norwich Tenants Citywide Board for evaluation prior to formal adoption by the Executive;
- (2) decommissioning of any properties should not be brought forward until the policy has been formally adopted by the Executive.

### **3. GREATER NORWICH GROWTH POINT FUNDING UPDATE**

The Assistant Director City Development presented the report and together with the Regeneration Funding Manager answered questions.

Councillor Morrey, Executive Member for Sustainable City Development said he would like to see some part of the bus rapid transit scheme go ahead, Old Palace Road/Northumberland Street right hand turn ban would be a start.

Councillor Lubbock asked the Executive to look seriously at pump priming housing growth projects as this could be spread across all authorities. This would create housing and help the construction industry. This was one project where the money would be paid back.

Councillor Stephenson said she could see no benefit to people already living in the City. She supported investment in public transport but not if it was linked to the northern distributor road (NDR).

The Chair said it was growth that would bring in a significant amount of money for the City and without the Greater Norwich Development Partnership growth point status this would not be achieved.

**RESOLVED**, to note the progress made to date in relation to the essential allocations proposed for the Greater Norwich area.

### **4. OPTIONS FOR SUPPORTING A CAR CLUB SCHEME IN NORWICH**

The Head of Transportation and Landscape presented the report and together with the Director of Regeneration and Development answered members' questions. Members were advised that the car club scheme was started in 2006 and had recently expanded into the City centre.

During discussion, Executive members expressed some concerns and suggested the need for a clear business plan and evidence to support the investment.

Councillor Lubbock supported the scheme and said she considered it was good for the City. She urged the Council to support the scheme by using it and this would encourage other businesses to follow their example. As a member of the Cycle Task and Finish Group she asked if S106 funding could go towards a cycle hire centre.

**RESOLVED**, to ask the Head of Transportation and Landscape to provide further information on the content of a business proposal to continue the financial support for a car club scheme in Norwich to the next meeting of the Executive.

CHAIR