



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PANEL

9.00am to 11.00am

25 June 2014

Present: Councillors Stonard (chair), Sands (M) (vice chair), Ackroyd, Boswell, Bremner, Herries, Jackson, Grahame (substitute for Councillor Boswell)

Apologies Councillors Stammers

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Stonard as chair for the ensuing civic year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Sands (M) as vice chair for the ensuing civic year.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Stammers. Councillor Grahame attended in her place.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2014.

6. LOCAL AND STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

The policy team leader (planning) presented the report.

In response to a member's question, the head of planning explained that the current live planning application for the Deal Ground was unaffected as outline planning consent had been given.

Discussion ensued around the subject of a school or similar premises being constructed on site with parking facilities. A member suggested that the council might wish to put covenants in place regarding the raising of funds via car parking, but the head of planning services said that there would be very limited parking on site. He added that in relation to construction of new schools, practice within the county was to insist on two parking places per primary class.

In response to a member's question regarding potential increased traffic on Bluebell Road, the planning team leader (policy) said that this had been discussed with transport experts who considered that access would be acceptable and should not cause a significant increase.

In response to a member's question, the policy team leader (planning) explained that the plans for Bartram Mowers included allocated space around it to ensure that the site was not extended all the way up to the floodplain. This would allow access to a walk from which it would be possible to view the site of special scientific interest. He confirmed that consultation was ongoing and would last until 31 July, adding explained that his department had directly contacted those who had raised concerns previously, thus giving them a further opportunity to raise any issues. He added that there had been plenty of interest in the Bartram Mowers site.

In response to a member's question, the planning team leader (policy) explained that since the county council acted as the leading flood authority, any reports of surface water flooding not included on the current flooding map could be reported directly to them. He said he would provide reporting details to the members.

RESOLVED

- 1) to note the report; and,
- 2) for the policy team leader (planning) would circulate details to members on how to contact the county council to notify them of additions to the city flood map.

7. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

The planner (policy) presented the report. He explained that the development scheme would examine various aspects of the city centre and that numerous options would be examined such as the balance of shops, restaurants, coffee shops etc. He added that the document produced could be reviewed as and when required.

In response to a member's question, the chair confirmed that, given the changes in government legislation affecting city centres across the country, plenty of response had been given by the sustainable development panel to consultations as well as direct communication with several government departments. He said that the aim was to protect both the retail and heritage aspects of the city.

The head of planning services explained that no significant interest had been shown in the development community led neighbourhood plans by local communities. He added that there was a limit on what the council could do to encourage people to

come forward, adding that the impetus needed to come from the community itself. He explained that if the councillors were aware of people interested who wished to register a neighbourhood forum, they could come forward and talk to the planning department. He emphasised that the role of the council would be to ensure that closed, prejudicial groups did not guide the process to the exclusion of other community members.

RESOLVED to note the report.

**8. INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:
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The environmental service development manager presented the report.

In response to a member's question, he explained that large stickers would be available and placed over the lists currently printed on recycling bins. This would effectively let city residents know what could now be included in their recycling collection.

He confirmed that the student door-knocking campaign would continue and that calendars of collection dates go out to all people. Work would continue with the student union to ensure that recycling by students was maximised.

In response to a member's question he said that Tetra Paks® were currently not encouraged for recycling, however, if they did end up mixed with the recycling, the operators would collect and recycle these. A close watch was being kept on the market for recycled Tetra Paks®, which may well influence the way in which they are recycled in future.

In response to a member's question, the environmental service development manager explained that the possibility of providing subsidised food waste caddy liners was not feasible due to high administration costs. However, he did say that the option of distributing free liners was being explored.

RESOLVED to note the report.

CHAIR