

DEVELOPMENT PLAN PANEL

5TH JULY 2005

PRESENT Councillor D Blackburn in the Chair
Councillors Blake, Cleasby, Harker, Leadley
and Taggart

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor Fox and Councillor Schofield

11 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carter and Congreve

12 **Declarations of interest**

Councillor Harker declared a personal interest in item 15, as a Trustee of the Thackray Medical Museum

13 **Minutes**

That the minutes from the Development Plan Panel meeting held on 25th May 2005 be approved as a correct record

14 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Further to minute 6 of the meeting on 25th May 2005, - Revised Statement of Community Involvement - Councillor Taggart reported that facilities existed within the Authority to translate documents into many more languages than had been specified within this document, and requested officers to indicate this on the information to be distributed as part of the SCI

15 **East and South East Leeds (EASEL) Area Action Plan – Initial issues and consultation and sustainability scoping report**

The Director of Development submitted a report setting out the strategic planning and regeneration context for the EASEL AAP, and provided background information, initial issues, progress on current initiatives, details of the consultation arrangements and a production timetable

Appended to the report was a plan showing the area of the EASEL AAP and officers tabled a copy of the recent publication 'Leeds Local Development Scheme' for Members' information

Officers spoke to the report and stressed the importance of the connectivity of the EASEL AAP with the City Centre and Aire Valley AAPs and the need to ensure that emerging proposals were in line with corporate ambitions for the area

Members were informed that the submitted timetable had been based on the milestones of the LDF, but were advised there could be some slippage and on-going negotiations would result in revisions to the timetable, which would be resubmitted for the Panel's information

Members considered the report and commented on the following issues:

- the specified boundaries, and that a small part of City and Hunslet ward falls within the EASEL AAP area which could skew economic

statistics, and that part of Chapel Allerton ward was also included within the specified AAP area

- that in the broad role of the AAP, some reference should be made to the artistic and cultural life within the City
- that for future reference, where regeneration projects have not been successful in the City, greater feedback should be provided
- that reference should be made to the cultural diversity of the area and the specific housing needs of minority ethnic groups in Harehills should be recognised
- the importance of public transport in this area and the need for an additional station between the City Centre and Cross Gates
- footpaths within the area and that consideration be given to defining footpaths, particularly before areas are developed
- the need to ensure new developments are well designed, and that existing good quality buildings within the area should be retained
- that the statements contained within the submitted report regarding educational developments in the area were not yet definitive
- the methods to keep Ward Members informed beyond the consultation process and the need for strong links between the Development Plan Panel and the Executive Board
- the need to ensure that the 'preferred bidder' will be fully engaged in the process in order to deliver the proposals within the AAP
- that the Leeds Learning Partnership be included in the list of proposed consultees
- that all information being provided is done so with reference to the new ward boundaries which came into effect in 2004, and that references to the Aire Valley should be in terms of the Upper and Lower Aire Valley, to avoid confusion

RESOLVED –

- (i) To receive and note the report
- (ii) To note the issues raised by Members and the responses of

officers

16 West Leeds Gateway Area Action Plan – Stage 1 issues report, proposed consultation and sustainability scoping report

The Director of Development submitted a report setting out the strategic planning and regeneration context for the West Leeds Gateway (WLG) AAP, and provided background information, initial issues, progress on current initiatives, details of the consultation arrangements and a production timetable

Appended to the report was a plan showing the area of the proposed AAP

Officers presented the report and provided details of the events which had already taken place to raise awareness of the AAP, and which had enabled local people to give their views ahead of the formal consultation process

Members were informed that the regeneration would be privately led and that local people would be at the heart of the proposals, with key drivers being transport, job creation, development and training

RESOLVED –

- (i) To receive and note the report and the comments now made