

DEVELOPMENT PLAN PANEL

6th SEPTEMBER 2005

PRESENT Councillor D Blackburn in the Chair
Councillors Cleasby, Congreve, Harker, Leadley
J Procter and Taggart

17 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Carter and Blake

18 Declarations of interest

The following Members declared personal interests for the purpose of Section 81 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 8 to 13 of the Members Code of Conduct: -

Councillor Harker – minute 20 declared a personal interest as a Trustee of the Thackray Medical Museum which was situated in the EASEL area

Councillor Cleasby – minute 20 declared a personal interest as a member of the Leeds Credit Union which had commented on the Aire Valley Leeds AAP

19 Minutes

RESOLVED -

That the minutes of the Development Plan Panel meeting held on 5th July 2005 be agreed as a correct record

20 Leeds Local Development Framework: Progress Report

Members considered a report by the Director of Development providing an update on the preparation of the LDF Development Plan Documents, the Statement of Community Involvement and a summary of the comments received so far in relation to the City Centre Area Action Plan (CCAAP), the Aire Valley Leeds AAP and the East and South East Leeds (EASEL) AAP. Updated information regarding the SCI, CCAAP and EASEL was tabled at the meeting

Regarding the CCAAP, officers stated that the events which had been held in the Town Hall had been positive with much useful feedback being generated. A consultation pack was to be prepared and circulated as widely as possible which would set out the issues which needed to be addressed and would be divided into 4 themes, Growth; Use of Function; Environment and Movement

Members were informed of the engagement of the Yorkshire branch of Planning Aid to facilitate contact with hard to reach groups, and provided details of the presentations planned for Area Committees

Members expressed concern that only Inner Area Committees had been selected for the presentations and queried the effectiveness of listing these presentations on agendas which were often full of other items for consideration. Members suggested that special joint meetings of area committees be arranged to discuss the CCAAP. It was considered that these meetings, which would be time limited, could possibly be chaired by a member of the Development Plan Panel and for ease of travelling it was suggested that the meetings be held in a city centre location. By using the databases held by each area committee, along with other interested parties, - for example the local Chambers of Trade -, the public should be

invited to attend and put forward their views on the CCAAP. The importance of sending out documentation on the CCAAP before the meeting rather than tabling it on the day was stressed

In relation to the Aire Valley Leeds AAP, Members were informed that whilst the feedback so far had been limited, businesses and communities had been contacted. This would be supplemented by officer presentations to the Inner and Outer South and East Communities through the Area Committees and it was hoped that additional comments and interest would be generated

In respect of the EASEL AAP, issues relating to the environment, crime and anti-social behaviour had already been raised. Officers acknowledged that environmental aspects and sustainability issues had not been sufficiently addressed as this stage, although until the position in respect of Bellways had been considered in November by Executive Board these issues could not be fully explored

In response to comments from Members in relation to the mapping of footpaths, officers informed the Panel this would be looked at together with the need to link the green space and improve community links

RESOLVED –

- (i) That Members note the progress report in relation to the preparation of LDF documents
- (ii) That Members comments regarding the consultation in respect of the CCAAP be noted
- (iii) That officers be asked to make arrangements for the CCAAP to be considered at special joint meetings of Area Committees to be held in October
- (iv) That Councillor D Blackburn and Councillor A Carter be informed of the progress of the arrangements for these meetings

21 WEST LEEDS GATEWAY AREA ACTION PLAN (WLGAAP)

Further to minute 16 of the meeting held on 5th July 2005, Members received a report setting out the progress in the preparation of the WLGAAP and the responses to the consultation on the Scoping Report for the Sustainability Appraisal

Officers stated that since the report was produced a further response had been received from the Environment Agency and had raised the following:

- The flood risk should be assessed
- Changes to the objectives, sub-objectives and targets
- Additional information to be included in the baseline data
- Additions to the strategic plans, policies and programmes

Regarding the approach taken by the consultants to combine 2 separate stages of public participation, officers set out the latest position regarding this for Members' consideration

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the Panel accept the report as work in progress on the West Leeds Gateway AAP
- (ii) That the Panel supports the West Leeds Gateway Regeneration Board regarding the need to have two separate stages of the public participation and consultation under the Issues and Alternative Options stage (Reg 25) and the Preferred Options stage (Reg 26) of the WLGAAP

