

DEVELOPMENT PLAN PANEL

4th OCTOBER 2005

PRESENT Councillor D Blackburn in the Chair
Councillors Blake, Cleasby, Harker,
Latty (substitute for Councillor J Procter)
Leadley

23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Carter, Councillor Congreve, Councillor J Procter and Steve Speak

24 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest

25 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Development Plan Panel meeting held on 6th September be agreed as a correct record

26 Local Development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) Pre-submission formal consultation (Regulation 26)

The Director of Development submitted a report setting out the draft SCI and the comments received from the informal consultation which was carried out during June and July 2005

Members were advised that the SCI was seen as an early priority and that it was hoped, pending approval by Executive Board, that the formal consultation would commence in early November 2005 for a period of 6 weeks

Officers outlined the changes which had been made to the first draft SCI resulting from the comments arising from the informal consultation, which mainly related to issues of clarity, including contact details, the process for the preparation of DPDs, an introduction and glossary

Members raised the following points:

- that some outside agencies used parliamentary wards as a basis for gathering statistics, and that this should be qualified in any report using such data
- to note that not all wards have the same level of organisation within them; that the feedback could be skewed by those wards which have a greater personal and/or professional interest in the planning framework and that different consultation methods would need to be employed to ensure each community could participate fully in the process
- the importance of ensuring groups regarded as being ‘excluded’ had the opportunity to participate in the consultation
- the role of the Area Committees in the consultation process
- the possibility of mapping consultees to ascertain citywide the level of participation in the formal consultation

RESOLVED –

- i) To note the outcome of the informal consultation already undertaken
- ii) To recommend to Executive Board that it approves the publication of the draft Statement of Community Involvement for the purposes of public participation and formally invites representations between 7th November 2005 and 16th December 2005

27 Leeds Development Scheme – Annual Monitoring report

The Director of Development submitted a draft Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) to enable the Panel to have an early view of the report's content and structure

Members were advised that the AMR would set out the Authority's progress in relation to the milestones which had been set, including any slippages which had occurred and the effectiveness of the policies the LDF contained, which would be the saved UDP policies and revisions that were tested at Public Inquiry during the monitoring period of April 2004 -March 2005

Members discussed elements of the report relating to:

- the increasing proportion of development on brownfield land and the effect of this on greenspace sites
- the number of housing demolitions and the decline of social housing which could see greater pressures in the future

RESOLVED – To note the contents of the report as work in progress and to receive a further report on monitoring (including an LDS update) in November