

SCRUTINY BOARD (DEVELOPMENT)

TUESDAY, 18TH JULY, 2006

PRESENT: Councillor B Cleasby in the Chair

Councillors P Davey, D Hollingsworth,
G Latty, M Lobley, A Lowe, A Millard and
A Ogilvie

8 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular to Jean Dent, Director of Development who had been unable to attend the Board's first meeting of the 2006/2007 municipal year.

9 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor R Lewis.

10 Declaration of Interests

The Chair declared a personal interest under the Work Programme as a Member of the Airport Consultative Committee (Minute 11).

11 Work Programme

The Head of Scrutiny and Member Development submitted a further report on the development of a work programme for Scrutiny Board (Development) and appended a draft work programme which included a list of the topics discussed at the last meeting of the Board.

Appended to the report were copies of the following documents for the information/comment of the meeting:

- (a) Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the period 1st July 2006 to 31st October 2006.
- (b) Budget and Policy Framework Decisions.

Jean Dent, Director of Development reported and responded to Members' questions and comments. In brief, the main issues discussed were:-

12th September 2006 Board meeting

Transportation

- The need for a presentation on the short, medium and long term transport policy for the city incorporating what has been delivered

against targets as set in the Local Transport Plan (LTP1) and what is being planned for the future.

- To consider 'softer' transport measures to ease the traffic flow through the City, including traffic light timings during the rush hour period.
- The need to encourage commuters to make more park and ride journeys by increasing the car park capacity at train stations and encouraging bus companies to make bus journeys more appealing e.g. by providing air conditioning etc.
- The need to invite METRO to the meeting in order that they can explain the work being undertaken with the bus companies and discuss some of the issues which the Transport Executive and the local authority face over the lack of control of bus services in the City.
- The need to invite the Managing Director of First Bus to respond to issues around the quality of buses which are in service.

10th October 2006 Board Meeting

Olympic Games 2012

- The need to bring forward this item from the January 2007 meeting.
- Members noted that this item is being led by Learning and Leisure Department with Yorkshire Forward providing the regional lead and the Cultural Partnership giving the lead from Leeds.
- That the Director of Learning and Leisure update the Board on how the Council is progressing on this item and on the way in which people/organisations are being involved. The report to include reference to the progress made on the South Leeds Pool.

Climate Change Strategy

- To provide an update on the short and medium term work being undertaken by the Water Asset Management Group in the Development Department around flooding and risk assessment in the City.
- To provide a report setting out the scope and timetable for the development of a longer term assessment strategy to deal with climate change.

21st November 2006 Board Meeting

Worklessness

- The need to look at the development of an integrated strategy which should include all the work being undertaken by the Council and other agencies to address the issue of worklessness. This should include the day services review looking at people on incapacity benefit and people with mental health problems and learning difficulties.
- The need to look at what the Senior Youth Service is doing to encourage young people to gain qualifications in order to increase their chances of employment.
- That Board Members be provided with previous relevant Scrutiny Board reports that relate to worklessness.

The Chair thanked Jean Dent for her attendance and her helpful contributions to today's meeting.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
- (b) That approval be given to the draft work programme, subject to the Principal Scrutiny Adviser incorporating the issues raised and the changes requested at today's meeting as outlined above.

12 Minutes of the Last Meeting of Scrutiny Board (Development)

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2006 be approved as a correct record.

13 Executive Board Minutes

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the minutes of the Executive Board meetings held on the 14th June and 15th July 2006 be noted.
- (b) That Board Members be provided with a copy of the policy document for the planning of primary school places presented at the 14th June 2006 Executive Board meeting (Minute 13 refers).

14 Overview and Scrutiny Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 5th June 2006 be noted.

15 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED - To note that the next meeting of this Board will be held on Tuesday, 12th September 2006 at 10.00 a.m. in the Civic Hall, Leeds.

(The meeting concluded at 10.30 a.m.)