

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 24 September 2008 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Gifford (Chair); Councillors Barrott, Coker, Copping, Crowther, Mrs Gallagher, Gill, Mrs Higgins, Mrs Sawdon and Weed.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Caborn (Portfolio Holder for Customer and Business Improvement)

(Councillor Crowther substituted for Councillor Britland)

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Boad.

465. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Minute Number 2 - Executive Agenda Item Number 2 – Station Area Development Brief

Councillor Crowther declared a personal interest because he was a member of Action 21, the Leamington Society and Cycleways and they had all responded to the consultation process.

Councillor Weed declared a personal interest because she was a member of Action 21 who had responded to the consultation process.

Councillor Gifford declared a personal interest because he was a member of Royal Leamington Spa Town Council who had responded to the consultation process.

466. **EXECUTIVE AGENDA (NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS) – WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2008**

Agenda Item number 2 – Station Area Development Brief

The Committee received a presentation on the Station Area Development Brief, and then made the comments below, to the Executive.

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report and made the following comments:

- 1) The officer working group, as stated in para 2.4, also investigate producing a design brief to ensure the site had an innovative and attractive design reflecting it's importance to the district
- 2) Investigations be made into EU and other sources of funding
- 3) The Committee considered pedestrian and cycle way provision to be vital to the success of this project
- 4) If possible, any energy plant in the triangle between the railway lines should not disturb wildlife
- 5) Further advice be sought from Warwickshire County Council (WCC) with regard to highways issues and transport links and consideration given to

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- ensuring relevant WCC officers were included within the officer working group's membership
- 6) Help and advice be given to those companies already on the site who were now in need of relocation
 - 7) Further discussions were held with Chiltern Railways to gain their acceptance for the principle of a northern entrance to the station although this should not compromise the primacy of the existing southern entrance.

Agenda Item number 3 – Replacement Cremators Business Case and Tender Selection

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

467. EXECUTIVE AGENDA (NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS) – WEDNESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2008

Agenda Item number 5 – Replacement Cremators Business Case and Tender Selection

The Committee noted the information.

(The meeting ended at 7.15pm)