

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 May 2008 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Barrott, Boad, Britland, Coker, Copping, De-Lara Bond, Mrs Gallagher, Gifford, Gill, Mrs Higgins and Weed.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Sawdon.

## 98. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Gifford be appointed as Chairman for the ensuing municipal year.

## 99. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

## 100. EXECUTIVE AGENDA – NON-CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS

The Committee considered the following non-confidential items and reports which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Thursday 22 May 2008.

### Agenda Item 2 – Draft Station Area Planning Brief

The Committee received a presentation from Gary Stevens (GVA Grimley) and Philip Clarke (Warwick District Council) on the consultation draft of the Planning and Development Brief for the Station Area, which had been produced by GVA Grimley in collaboration with the District Council and Warwickshire County Council.

All Members of the Council had been invited to the presentation and a total of 25 Councillors were in attendance. Gary Stevens summarised the key points of the consultation draft, highlighting issues on which further views were sought. Councillors then took the opportunity to ask questions and make comments, after which time the Overview & Scrutiny Committee discussed the draft for themselves.

The Committee noted the recommendation in the report and agreed to recommend that the Executive:

- (1) approve the draft Planning and Development Brief for the Station Area for the purposes of a full public consultation;
- (2) start to investigate the formation of a consortium of the freeholders to encourage the early development of the site as a whole;
- (3) investigate the possibility of grants from Advantage West Midlands and the European Union for the redevelopment of the site as a whole; and
- (4) arrange for early consultations to take place in relation to the transport and highway infrastructure with Warwickshire County Council.

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MINUTES (Continued)**

### Agenda Item 3 – Court Street Creative Arches

The Committee noted the recommendation in the report.

### Agenda Item 4 – Brunswick Enterprise Hub

The Committee noted the recommendation in the report.

## **101. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item, by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

## **102. EXECUTIVE AGENDA – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS**

The Committee considered the following confidential item and report which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Thursday 22 May 2008.

### Agenda Item 6 - Spencer Yard Phase II

The Committee noted the impact of the last change in position concerning the bar income. The Committee expressed concern regarding the potential impact of a further change in position by the Loft Theatre. it was noted that further revisions of this nature were unrealistic.

(The meeting ended at 7.30pm)