

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday 11 September 2006

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Goddard (Chair), Rundle (Vice-Chair), Armitage, Bance, Fooks, Murray, Sellwood, Tall and van Zyl.

OFFICERS PRESENT FOR THE WHOLE OF THE MEETING: Caroline J Bull (Chief Executive), Mark Luntley and Michael Lawrence (Strategic Directors), Penny Gardner (Financial and Asset Management Business Manager), Jeremy Thomas and Brenda Lammin (Legal and Democratic Services Business Unit) and Louisa Dean (Media and Communications).

OFFICERS PRESENT FOR PART OF THE MEETING: Graham Stratford (Community Housing Business Manager), Mark Jaggard, Lyn Lawrence and Matthew Bates (Planning Services Business Unit), Claire Newport (Leisure and Cultural Services Business Unit), Geoff Melotti and Phil Dunsdon (City Works Business Unit), Pat Jones and Claire Taylor (Strategy and Review Business Unit) and Karen Seal (Environmental Health Business Unit).

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bance declared a personal interest in the item on health effects from mobile phone masts and base stations as currently there were proposals to site such equipment very close to her home (minute 99).

91. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No questions were asked in accordance with Procedure Rule 13(iii).

92. SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS

There were no recommendations or reports for the Board to consider. It was noted that the Finance Scrutiny Committee recommendation on establishment controls would be the subject of a report to the next meeting

93. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Planning Services Business Manager submitted a report (previously

circulated and now appended)

Resolved that Council be RECOMMENDED to adopt the Statement of Community Involvement (as the Inspector's Report is binding on the City Council).

94. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS – PLANNING OBLIGATIONS AND DRAFT PARKING STANDARDS, TRANSPORT ASSESSMENTS AND TRAVEL PLANS

The Planning Services Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended)

Resolved that: -

- (1) approval be given to the draft Supplementary Planning Documents on Planning Obligations and Parking Standards Transport Assessments and Travel Plans for consultation with members of the public;
- (2) the Planning Policy Manager be authorised to alter the text of the draft Supplementary Planning Documents before publications for consultation and to make any necessary editorial corrections;
- (3) it be noted that officers would use their delegated authority to make editorial adjustments to the supplementary planning documents to amend them slightly on the basis of comments made at the meeting.

95. APPROVAL OF CAPITAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR FESTIVE LIGHTS AND IMPROVEMNTS TO POWER SUPPLY

Planning Services Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended)

Resolved that: -

- (1) approval be given to spending £15,000 of the £50,000 allocated to Festive Lights in the Capital Programme for the provision of new lights in St Giles, with the remaining £35,000 being allocated as a reserve for 2007/08;
- (2) approval be given to the movement of the £60,000 allocated to the improvement of power supply to parks and streets from the 2007/08 Capital Programme to 2006/07, and to spend those funds as outlined in the report (on new environmentally sustainable infrastructure for festive lighting and floodlighting at Rosehill Park);
- (3) it be noted that a further report would be submitted later in the year on options for either leasing or purchasing new festive lights for the City in 2007/08.

96. THE OXFORDSHIRE JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE STRATEGY

The Interim City Works Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended). The Board also considered the comments of a special meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee held on 4 September 2006.

Councillor Fooks proposed a revised resolution to take account of the Environment Scrutiny Committee recommendations. Councillor Sellwood said he believed all the Environment Scrutiny Committee recommendations should be adopted. Councillor Fooks agreed to further amend her proposals to include recommendations (6) and (8) but she did not agree with recommendation (4). Councillor Sellwood moved and Councillor Bance seconded that resolution (4) be adopted. This was put to the vote and declared lost.

Resolved that: -

- (1) the Oxfordshire Joint Municipal Waste Strategy be agreed;
- (2) it be noted that further reports would be submitted on the formation of the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership Joint Committee and issues connected with its governance and financial arrangements;
- (3) Oxfordshire County Council be urged to consider the provision of treatment facilities for kitchen waste as a priority in their plans for treatment/disposal of waste;
- (4) the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership (OWP) and Oxfordshire County Council be reminded that Oxford City Council has passed motions in Council opposing the use of incineration for the treatment of Oxfordshire's waste. Concerns have been raised about the uncontrolled release of dioxins and the possible lack of incentive to reduce waste. The County Council is requested to recognize these concerns and to seek the best environmental option for the treatment of non-recyclable waste;
- (5) the Council's support for an aspirational zero waste strategy be reaffirmed;
- (6) other Oxfordshire District Councils be urged to follow Oxford and Cherwell's lead in actions to raise their recycling rates, so that the OWP collectively can achieve substantially higher recycling rates than the current targets;
- (7) the OWP be urged to adopt the recommendations for Mitigation, Enhancement and Monitoring set out in the Environmental Assessment Annex F;
- (8) it be acknowledged that the Environmental Assessment (Annex F) was difficult to understand and that a more straightforward synopsis should

be produced;

- (9) the OWP be asked to continue to lobby the Government to provide the legislative and economic framework to enable real progress to be made on waste reduction (e.g. by controlling excessive packaging and requiring longer lasting repairable products);
- (10) it be noted that the frequency of reviews set out within the Strategy appeared to be adequate to deal with changing circumstances.

97. CHANGE OF TENURE – 100 ACRES CLOSE DEVELOPMENT

The Community Housing Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended). The Board also considered the comments of the Housing Scrutiny Committee and recommendations of the Strategic Director, Housing, Health and Community, on receipt of advice from the Housing Advisory Board on the proposals (as set out in Appendix 1 to the report).

Resolved that approval be given to a rolling programme of re-designation of the properties at 100 Acres Close to settled accommodation, as outlined in paragraph 6(iii) of the report.

98. REDUCTION IN SUPPORTING PEOPLE FUNDING

The Community Housing Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved that approval be given to the signing of the amended Supplemental Agreement for Supporting People Contract 830.

99. A REVIEW OF THE HEALTH EFFECTS FROM MOBILE PHONE MASTS AND BASE STATIONS

The Environmental Health Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended). The Board also considered the recommendations of the Strategic Director, Housing, Health and Community, on receipt of advice from the Housing Advisory Board.

Resolved that: -

- (1) the findings, as set out in the report, be endorsed;
- (2) the moratorium on new phone masts leases be left in place;
- (3) a further review be carried out once the current research projects are published.

- (4) on the wider moratorium on the installation of telecommunications aerials on Council owned residential properties, exceptions to the moratorium be considered on a case by case basis as and if requests to site such equipment were received;
- (5) it be noted that the Strategic Director, Housing, Health and Community, had agreed to provide Executive Board members with information concerning the number of telecommunication masts currently sited on Council tower blocks.

100. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

The Financial and Asset Management Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended). The Board also considered the comments of the Finance Scrutiny Committee held on 24 August 2006, as set out in the agenda.

Resolved that : -

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the Financial and Asset Business Manager had agreed to circulate to members the complete wording of paragraph 1 of the comments on the Neighbourhood Renewal variance on page 12.5 as the final word(s) had been omitted.

101. WORLD CLASS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The Strategic Director, Finance and Corporate Services, submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved that: -

- (1) the report be noted and welcomed;
- (2) the Action Plan, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be agreed.

102. AREA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no such recommendations for the Board to consider.

103. PORTFOLIO HOLDER QUESTIONS

There were no such questions for the Board to consider.

104. DECISIONS TAKEN IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE COUNCIL

There were no such decisions for the Board to consider.

105. FUTURE ITEMS

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a list (previously circulated and now appended) of future agenda items.

Resolved to note the list of future items and that: -

- it was hoped the report on concessionary fares would be ready for the October Executive Board meeting (Councillor Fooks)
- although Councillor Rundle currently had no items listed in the forward plan he continued to be involved in a number of initiatives outside of the executive decision making process
- the KPMG report into Council Tax, listed as an item for this meeting, was no longer required as it had been considered by other Council committees and no executive decisions were required (Councillor Tall).

106. MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes (previously circulated) of the Board dated 21 August 2006 be approved as a correct record subject to: -

- noting that in respect of minute 75 the continuing role of Area Committees in the grants process;
- noting that in respect of minute 76(1) the extension of the Customer Services Telephone Contact Centre was until 6 pm on weekdays (not Wednesdays as printed).

107. MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

Resolved that in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 21(1)(b) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 the press and public on be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that their presence could involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in specific paragraphs of Schedule I2A of the Local Government Act 1972.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason for exemption</u>	<u>Minute No</u>
C1	information relating to the business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding	108

that information)

108. THE OXFORDSHIRE JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE STRATEGY

The Interim City Works Business Manager submitted an exempt from publication appendix (previously circulated and now appended) to the report referred to in minute 96.

Resolved that the information contained in the appendix be noted.

The meeting began at 9.00 am and ended at 11.03 am.