

# EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday 22 January 2007

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

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Brian Dinsdale (Interim Chief Executive); Sharon Cosgrove and Michael Lawrence (Strategic Directors), Sarah Fogden and John Kulasek (Financial and Asset Management Business Unit), Michael Crofton Briggs (Planning Services Business Unit); Jeremy Thomas and Brenda Lammin (Legal and Democratic Services Business Unit) and Louisa Dean (Media and Communications).

## **213. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tall and Mark Luntley (Strategic Director).

## **214. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **215. INVITATION TO MAKE PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE UNITARY AUTHORITY STRUCTURES**

The Interim Chief Executive submitted a report together with a draft proposal and its financial assessment (previously circulated and now appended). He made it clear that the draft proposal was an evolving document and circulated a copy of the most up to date version for members' information.

Resolved that: -

- (1) the proposal for unitary authorities for Oxfordshire be approved and submitted to the Government;
- (2) the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, be authorised to make any necessary textual amendments to the proposal prior to its submission;
- (3) Council be RECOMMENDED to endorse the proposal and its submission.

## **216. WESTGATE – SECTION 106 AND SECTION 278 APPROVALS**

The Planning Services Business Manager submitted a report (previously

circulated and now appended).

Resolved that: -

- (1) the City Council's entry into the s106 agreement on the terms set out in the report be authorised, noting that in so doing it was acting in its capacity as land owner, not planning authority;
- (2) the dedication as highway of certain relevant areas of Council owned land within the Westgate development site in accordance with the Section 278 agreement be agreed.

(Councillor Sellwod requested that his vote against (or abstention?) the above resolution be recorded in the minutes.)

## **217. IMPROVEMENTS TO OLD GREYFRIARS STREET**

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

Resolved that: -

- (1) approval be given to the adoption of the proposal to improve the amenity of that section of Old Greyfriars Street which will remain after the implementation of the Westgate Centre planning permission by the extinguishment of vehicular rights over the remaining section of Old Greyfriars Street;
- (2) the Planning Services Business Manager be authorised to submit an application to the Department for Communities and Local Government for an Order under Section 249 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990;
- (3) the offer from Nathaniel Litchfield and Partners to act as the City Council's agent, and submit the application on its behalf, be accepted.

The meeting began at 4.00 pm and ended at 4.35 pm.