

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Monday 25 February 2008

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors John Goddard (Chair), David Rundle (Vice-Chair) Mohammed Altaf-Khan, Jim Campbell, Jean Fooks, Patrick Murray and Caroline Van Zyl.

OFFICERS PRESENT FOR THE WHOLE OF THE MEETING: Peter Sloman (Chief Executive), Michael Crofton-Briggs (Interim Executive Director), Sarah Fogden (Finance), Jeremy Thomas and Brenda Lammin (Legal and Democratic Services) and Louisa Dean (Media and Communications).

OFFICERS PRESENT FOR PART OF THE MEETING: Mark Jaggard and Adrian Roche (City Development).

284. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Antonia Bance, Sajjad Malik and Matthew Sellwood.

285. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

286. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were none.

287. OXFORD 2026 – THE CORE STRATEGY FURTHER PREFERRED OPTIONS

The Head of City Development submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved that: -

- (1) the Further Preferred Options document for Oxford's Core Strategy be approved for public consultation;
- (2) the Planning Policy Manager be authorised to make any necessary minor editorial corrections to the Core Strategy Further Preferred Options document;
- (3) it be noted that there was a need for bus companies in Oxford to

implement orbital as well as radial bus routes in order to facilitate ease of access between sites outside of the City Centre.

(No member voted against.)

288. PEERS SCHOOL – COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON LAND DISPOSAL

The Area Co-ordinator (South East Area Committee) and the Interim Strategic Director for City Regeneration submitted a joint report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved that: -

- (1) The comments of the South East Area Committee set out below be forwarded to the County Council as part of Oxford City Council's response to the consultation: -
 - The Area Committee did not support the proposal for housing on this site, as there was already little open space within the area;
 - The Area Co-ordinator had been asked to investigate a previous land use survey to ascertain what proportion of land in the area could be defined as "open space";
 - It be noted that the sale of this piece of land was not in support of the Peers Academy, as stated in a letter from Mouchel, but was to support the redevelopment of Mabel Pritchard School;
 - There was a right of way across the proposed housing site, and this should be preserved.
- (2) The proposals must be seen not just in the context of providing the best for education, but also what is best for the local community and the City as a whole. They must balance educational needs against the needs of a sustainable community, with wide-ranging community and cultural activities (including provision of facilities for young people), and provision of more affordable housing without the loss of leisure facilities or green space.

(No member voted against.)

289. MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION

This item was not required.

The meeting began at 5.00 pm and ended at 5.25 pm.

