

CITY EXECUTIVE BOARD

Wednesday 13 November 2013

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Price (Leader), Turner (Deputy Leader), Brown, Cook, Curran, Kennedy, Lygo, Rowley, Seamons and Tanner.

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

91. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

92. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports from Scrutiny were submitted (now appended):-

- Oxpens Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document –Adoption
- Waste and Recycling Strategy
- Riverside Land – Acquisition

The reports were taken with the related reports elsewhere on the agenda (minutes 94, 95 and 96 refer).

93. COUNCILLOR ADDRESSES ON ANY ITEM FOR DECISION ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA

With the agreement of the Chair, Councillor Fooks addressed the Board on the subject of minute 94 (Oxpens Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document). A summary of Councillor Fooks' address is contained in minute 94.

94. OXPENS MASTERPLAN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Head of City Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended). The Board also had before it a Scrutiny report (previously circulated, now appended) on the subject.

The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee spoke to the Scrutiny report. Councillor Fooks addressed the meeting.

The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee said, in summary, that the Committee had generally welcomed the Plan. He referred to the list of items in the report which represented the concerns of some Scrutiny members.

Councillor Fooks expressed concerns about the Masterplan. In summary she felt that it missed the opportunity to achieve a necessary balance between housing and jobs. More housing was needed in the City and the Plan should recognise this. Councillor Fooks also had concerns about traffic impacts.

The Leader said that it was indeed important to get the balance of land uses right. The Plan was illustrative of development but was not firm in terms of the balance of land uses

Resolved to:-

- (1) Adopt the Oxpens Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document as modified in the light of consultation in the form set out in Appendix 5 to the report subject to the ice rink being referred to in Chapter 6 of the Document;
- (2) Endorse the Strategic Environmental Assessment Combined Screening and Scoping Report that formed Appendix 3 to the report;
- (3) Authorise the Head of City Development in consultation with the Board Member to make any necessary editorial corrections to the Supplementary Planning Document prior to final publication.

95. WASTE AND RECYCLING STRATEGY

The Head of Environmental Development submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended). The Board also had before it a Scrutiny report (previously circulated, now appended) on the subject.

The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee spoke to the Scrutiny report. He referred to the six recommendations in the report and paid tribute to the work of the recycling panel in pre-scrutinising the Waste Strategy report and formulating constructive recommendations.

The Board member commended each of the recommendations to the Board save for recommendation 2 (costing pre-scrutiny and diversion of recyclables from household waste). He considered that not to be financially viable.

Resolved:-

- (1) That the Waste and Recycling Strategy that formed Appendix 1 to the report be adopted as a strategy within the Sustainable Strategy for Oxford policy framework subject to the Waste and Recycling Strategy's Vision making it clear that waste was a resource and a commodity from which the Council could generate income, and that the Council should continually be looking for further opportunities to benefit financially from the waste that the City produced;
- (2) In pursuance of the Strategy, to agree:-

- (a) to provide to the Scrutiny Committee more detailed information on the costing and feasibility for the options that had been considered to recycle food from flats alongside the details of the current capital bid;
- (b) more actively to use the waste enforcement penalties where residents did not present waste in the manner required;
- (c) to investigate, through the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership, local opportunities to reduce excess packaging and the use of plastic bags;
- (d) to take all opportunities to promote the benefits of food waste separation to commercial customers and investigate opportunities to offer incentives to new business customers.

96. RIVERSIDE LAND - ACQUISITION

The Head of Environmental Development and the Regeneration and Major Projects Manager submitted a report (previously circulated, now appended). The Board also had before it a Scrutiny report (previously circulated, now appended) on the subject.

Resolved to:-

- (1) Approve the acquisition by adverse possession of the strip of land adjacent to Abbey Road as shown on the plan that formed Appendix 1 to the report to allow the Council to regularize mooring on the land;
- (2) Subject to (1) above, to agree limited visitor mooring to the southern section of the acquired land;
- (3) Note the offer of assistance from local residents in the matter of managing and maintaining the riverside land, the subject of the report.

97. FUTURE ITEMS

The Democratic Services Manager said that the draft agenda for the December Board meeting contained ten substantive items.

98. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2013 were approved as a correct record.

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and ended at 5.38 pm

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