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Minutes

Meeting of : City Area (Community) Committee
Meeting held in : The Alamein Suite, City Hall, Salisbury
Date : Tuesday 21 October 2008
Commencing at : 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillor M J Osment (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs C R Hill (Vice Chairman)

Councillors K A Cardy, E A Chettleburgh, I C Curr, B Dalton, J M English, S R Fear, Mrs H McKeown, A C Roberts, P W L Sample, M A Tomlinson, C R Vincent, and J M Walsh

Apologies: Councillors P M Clegg, A A Thorpe and I R Tomes

Officers: Sarah Hughes (Senior Planning Officer) Frank Dick (Performance Director) Robin Townsend (Head of Community Initiatives) Tom Bray (Democratic Services Officer)

114. Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were none.

115. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were none.

116. Minutes:

Resolved: that the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 02 September 2008, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

117. Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Curr declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 8 (Parishing Framework report) because he was an allotment holder. He spoke on the matter and voted thereon.

118. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman encouraged Members to attend the Salisbury City Community Area Partnership Exploratory meeting on Thursday 23rd October at the Studio Theatre, Ashley Road.



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



119. Local Development Framework – ‘Our Place in the future’ (Preferred Options Stage 2)

Consultation:

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Senior Planning Officer. Members’ comments from the meeting were noted and would be forwarded to Forward Planning as part of the consultation.

- Members expressed their views relating to the relocation of Churchfields Industrial Estate.

Members representing the Harnham ward expressed the concerns of residents over the potential citing of Churchfields to Netherhampton Road. Residents of Harnham feel that the relocation would bring heavy goods vehicles and excessive traffic problems to Harnham, which is predominantly a residential area.

On the other hand, Members representing residents of the Fisherton and Bemerton Village ward stated that the re-location of Churchfields was crucial in order to alleviate the problems that arise due to the poor infrastructure and its negative impact on local residents in their area.

Members, in general, acknowledge that a solution needs to be found for the re-location of Churchfields and backed plans for dispersal of the businesses to other suitable business parks so that not only one site must take the full burden. It was also noted that the Vision project team should look at ways of encouraging businesses to use the railway network for the distribution of goods and raw materials and the creation of industrial sites with rail transport links.

Resolved: that the above be forwarded to Forward Planning as the City Area’s official response to the consultation.

120. Parishing Framework Report:

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Performance Director and Head of Community Initiatives. In general, the committee supported the report due to go before the Implementation Executive on 29 October 2008 and raised some constructive points detailed below:

- Regarding the interim period from 1 April to the elections in June 2009, Members felt that despite the Clerk for the Chartered Trustees being in post, there is an identified need for extra staffing resources to reflect the workload and status of the new council.
- The committee highlighted a number of detailed issues contained within the report. However the committee accepted that detailed issues such as strategic goals would largely be set by the City Council’s elected members in June 2009. It was also noted that important details regarding references to specific wording and identified sites (such as Cow Lane) and the allowance schemes for the Chartered Trustees during the interim period were issues that would be resolved in due course after the Parishing Framework had been determined by the Implementation Executive.
- The committee requested that proposals for the setting of the City precept be brought before the City Area Committee prior to its submission to the Implementation Executive.
- Members recognised that the boundary arrangements for the proposed St. Mark’s and Bishopdown ward were inconsistent with the ratios described in the other parish wards therefore a reduction in the number of councillors for that ward was identified as being necessary.
- Members thanked officers for their continued hard work on the project and were pleased with the level of cooperation with Wiltshire County Council.

Resolved: that

- (1) the recommendations be endorsed, subject to the following amendment of recommendation 1)d, as follows:

the number of councillors is three per ward except for St. Mark’s and Bishopdown which is two.

- (2) the committee strongly supports the proposal that the City Hall also transfers to the city council on the 1 April 2009, as in 1961 it was bought by the City Council and converted into a public hall. The City Hall was subsequently refurbished in 1963 and converted into its current use as a multi function entertainment and conference venue. The cost of the

refurbishment was funded from the Victory funds that had been raised by the united efforts of the local community. This gives it special significance for city residents.

121. Salisbury Pilot Area Board Progress Report:

The committee considered the previously circulated report of the Community Area Board Project Manager. A conference will be held on 4th December whereby the area board's relationship with the new parish will be explored.

Resolved: that the report be noted.

122. City Parish Inauguration Arrangements:

At the request of Councillor Tomes the committee discussed the Salisbury City parish inauguration arrangements.

Resolved: that the Parishing Reference Group would discuss the matter and a report on the issue be brought before the committee in due course.

*The meeting closed at: 8:45 pm
Members of the public present 4*