

Commencing: 6.00pm  
14 June 2004  
Bourne Hill  
Salisbury

## MINUTES

### Present

Councillor P D Edge (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs P Bissington  
Councillor Ms S C Mallory  
Councillor A Peach  
Councillor L Randall  
Councillor I Tomes

### In Attendance

A Davies (SDC)  
S Draper (SDC)  
J Meeker (SDC)  
C Mills (SDC)  
D Simmons (SDC)

### Apologies

Councillor Mrs E Chettleburgh (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs C A Spencer  
Councillor A J A Brown-Hovelt

### Public/Observers

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### 60. Public Questions/Statements

There were no public questions or statements

### 61. Councillor Questions/Statements

There were no Councillor questions or statements

### 62. Minutes

The minutes of the ordinary meeting of 10th May 2004 and the special meeting of 17th May 2004 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 63. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

### 64. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed all new members to the panel. He stated that induction training was available to help new members understand the purpose and work of the panel. Any members who wished to undertake this induction should contact Sara Draper.

### 65. Update on Consultation with the Business Community on the New Planning Framework

The Committee considered the previously circulated report of the Economic Development Manager.

**RESOLVED** - It is recommended to Cabinet that it approve the proposed actions.

**66. 2004/2005 Work Programme**

The Panel considered the potential items for consideration in next year's work programme contained within the minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> May meeting (previously circulated).

During discussion of this item the following suggestions and points were made: -

- That the project to improve members' understanding of the Local Development Framework (LDF), the review of Churchfields Industrial Estate, the review of the changes made to development control and the continuation of the review of the R2 policy would be priority tasks for the panel in the upcoming year. The potential items should be prioritised and a timescale attached to each task.
- The panel must study the review of the changes made to development control immediately after the initial 6-month period as many parishes are expressing concern about the changes.
- It was suggested that a workshop be organised to help facilitate members' understanding of the new LDF. The Principal Planning Officer stated that he intended to do this very shortly.
- The Principal Planning Officer informed members that the work programme for developing the LDF must be submitted to the government by the end of 2004. He stated that he intended to present the report on what the LDF was, how it would be drawn up and the timescales involved to all the area committees in the summer.
- The Economic Development Manager informed members that Cabinet had approved an economic development strategy which named the Churchfields site as one of the key priorities for identifying potential future employment sites. This report was due to go back to Cabinet in December 2004. It would encompass issues relating to land and property, transport and the environment and would look at Churchfields in the context of the whole district.
- The question of whether a similar review could be undertaken at other sites such as the quarry in Chilmark was asked and the Economic Development Manager stated that the Chilmark site had been bought by a company that was very sensitive to the needs of that particular site.
- Some members were very keen to be involved in the work on Churchfields. They wished to begin their review immediately and it was suggested that they form a working group immediately. This work would be ongoing until the first phase of the review was due to go to Cabinet which was provisionally planned for December.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the Chairman liaise with officers to prioritise the work programme and draw up a timescale for the reviews ahead of the next meeting.
- (2) That the changes to development control be reviewed at the November meeting.
- (3) That Councillor Mrs Mallory and Councillor Tomes form a working group to begin the review of the Churchfields Options Appraisal. The Chairman will contact the respective Chair of the Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Panel to enlist a member from that panel to assist with this review.
- (4) That regular written reports, including the project plan, on the progress of the Churchfields review be brought to the panel until the final report is submitted to Cabinet.

**67. Update on Changes Designed to Improve the Efficacy of Policy R2**

Although this item was not on the previously circulated agenda the Chairman declared that it be taken as a matter of urgency since members needed to be informed of the position to inform their work programme deliberations.

The Panel considered the report of the Principal Planning Officer attached to these minutes for reference.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted and the officers involved be thanked for the work done.

**68. Date of the Next Meetings**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2004**.

The meeting closed at 1930hrs