

Minutes

Meeting of: Planning and Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Meeting held in: Committee Room 1, The Council House, Bourne Hill, Salisbury.

Date: 16 January 2006

Commencing at: 6.00pm

Present:

District Councillors

Councillor P D Edge – Chairman

Mrs E A Chettleburgh – Vice-Chairman

Councillors W R Moss, A G Peach, L Randall, I R Tomes and Mrs C A Spencer

Apologies: Councillors Mrs J A Green and C R Vincent.

Officers

J Meeker (Forward Planning and Transportation), and S Agland (Democratic Services).

154 Public Questions/Statement Time:

There were none.

155 Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were none.

156 Minutes:

Resolved – that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 30 November 2005 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

157 Declarations of Interest:

There were none



Awarded in:
Housing Services
Waste and Recycling Services



158 Chairman's Announcements:

There were none.

159 Regional Spatial Strategy Update:

The Panel considered the previously circulated report of the Principal (Forward) Planning Officer. Mr Meeker referred to a digest of the most recent updates to the Regional Spatial Strategy as contained within draft 2.2 (copy attached as [appendix A](#) to these minutes). Mr Meeker referred in particular to the revised provision of 460 new homes per year in the district up until 2026. The Panel noted that this was a regional level document and that it would be able to get into the detail at the Local Development Framework stage.

Resolved - that the Cabinet on 18 January 2006 be informed that the Panel considers the allocations to be about right and is not seeking to make any representations.

160 Draft Portfolio Plan

The Panel considered the previously circulated draft portfolio plan.

Resolved - that Cabinet on 1 February 2006 be advised of the Panel's comments as follows - Paragraph 1.2 strategic objectives - "to implement the Council's economic development objectives including the development of a sustainable future for Churchfields Industrial Estate" the Panel question how this objective can be achieved until the situation as regards the Brunel Link is clarified, the position regarding the vision for Salisbury is known and a policy decision on the future and or location of the depot is taken.

161. Update on Agreed Scrutiny Reviews for 2005/06:

Hotel Review - Councillor Peach updated the Panel on actions as of 11th January 2006 as follows:

- 1) A survey has been sent to all group travel organisations in the UK. Copies of the survey can be viewed at <http://www.salisbury.gov.uk/group-travel-questionnaire.pdf>.
- 2) A survey has been sent to 58 local accommodation providers. The survey can be viewed at <http://www.salisbury.gov.uk/visitor-accommodation-questionnaire.pdf>.
- 3) Celine Mills has undertaken one-on-one interviews with 8 major accommodation and conference providers.
- 4) All local conference providers have been sent a survey including the City Hall and Guildhall. The survey can be viewed at <http://www.salisbury.gov.uk/conference-provider-questionnaire.pdf>
- 5) A Salisbury Tourism Strategy has been published for consultation and the consultation includes some questions on conference facilities.

The deadline for the submission of all of this information is the end of January.

This information will then be collated and it is suggested that a meeting between Celine and the members of the review group be scheduled for March to review the information gathered and to start to draw up their findings and make recommendations.

In addition to the work outlined above the following work has also been done:

- 6) Information on major UK hotel companies has been collated and it is the intention that they will be contacted in the future.
- 7) A local authority in Kent has undertaken a feasibility study of the provision of a new hotel but this was undertaken by consultants. The Economic Development Team are currently looking into whether SDC has the in-house expertise necessary to do such a project. If so then a project plan will be drawn up which will state definitely whether or not there is the market for such a hotel in Salisbury and if so, the team will then prepare a concept development plan (including locating sites and financial details) as part of the Local Development Framework process.

CCTV - The Members have conducted the majority of the interviews and are intending to undertake a site visit to Westminster City Council on 1 February to view the system there as it is cutting edge - the Review Group will then proceed to draft their conclusions and recommendations.

Sustainable Rural Communities - The Members have held two meetings and discussed the relevant policies amongst themselves. They have also held an interview session with several parish councils to gain some feedback on the most valuable facilities in the villages. Forward Planning Officers have undertaken a survey of all facilities in the parishes. The Officers are currently collating the survey results and Democratic Services are undertaking desk research. Officers will be contacting Members to arrange a meeting to review all of this information in the next few weeks.

162. Cabinet Work Programme:

The Panel noted the Cabinet work-programme items relating to the Planning and Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

Resolved – That the none of the forthcoming reports be submitted to the Panel ahead of Cabinet, however outside of any Panel meeting, Panel Members would like to be sent (for information only) the report on the Planning Protocol for the AONB which will be considered by the Western Area Committee before submission to Cabinet.

163. Dates of Future Meetings:

Agreed – that the next meeting of the Panel be held on Monday 13th February (to consider Creating Places SPG followed by a meeting on 20 March (to consider findings of the Hotel Scrutiny Review) and 24th April 2006 (to consider Sustainability Appraisal: Scoping Report). (Members will also need to set next year's work programme at this meeting)

*The meeting closed at 7.20 pm
Public in attendance - nil*