

# Minutes

**Meeting of** : Planning and Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Panel  
**Meeting held in** : Meeting Room, City Hall, Salisbury  
**Date** : Monday 19 March 2007  
**Commencing at** : 6.00 pm

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**Present:**

**District Councillors**

Councillor P D Edge – Chairman

Councillor Mrs E A Chettleburgh – Vice Chairman

Councillors Mrs J A Green, W R Moss, A G Peach, L Randall, Mrs C A Spencer

**Officers**

E Teagle (Head of Forward Planning and Transportation), G Gould (Head of Marketing, Economic Development and Tourism) and L Mertens (Democratic Services)

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**248. Public Questions / Statement Time:**

There were none.

**249. Councillor Questions / Statement Time:**

There were none.

**250. Minutes:**

**Resolved** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2007 (previously circulated) be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**251. Declarations of Interest:**

There were none.

**252. Chairman's Announcements:**

There were none.



*Awarded in:*  
Housing Services  
Waste and Recycling Services



**253. Update on Action Plan for the future direction of the CCTV Service:**

Further to the resolution made by the Panel at the previous meeting, the Head of Forward Planning and Transportation was in attendance to give a verbal update on the progress of the above action plan.

The Officer explained that technical Officers now have a clear understanding of the IP technology on which it is felt that the future provision of the CCTV service must be based. In addition to this, the council has been awaiting the publication of the Government's national review of CCTV, which has been anticipated since January 2007. This review is now expected at the end of March 2007, at which point Officers will be in a position to take account of the national agenda and finalise the action plan. The completed action plan is expected to be available in June or July 2007.

The Officer proceeded to give a brief outline of what the action plan is expected to cover, explaining that it will allow for a much clearer estimation of the associated savings which will contribute to the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

Panel Members reiterated their view that cameras should not be switched off without full discussion and consultation with the relevant bodies, and the Officer gave assurances to the Panel in this respect. Members also heard that despite continued discussions with the Portfolio Holder, the police remained reluctant to contribute to the provision of the CCTV service, and expressed their disappointment at this.

**Resolved – that**

- 1) the update be noted.
- 2) in the absence of the action plan at this stage, the scrutiny review of CCTV, along with the Officers' response and the relating minute of the previous meeting containing additional comments of the Panel, now be passed to Cabinet for consideration.
- 3) the Officers' notes on the content of the action plan be circulated to Members outside of the meeting.
- 4) the government's review of CCTV, or a summary if appropriate, be circulated to Panel Members outside of the meeting, when available.
- 5) the finalised action plan be brought back to the Panel for consideration as soon as possible following the district council elections in May 2007.

**254. Update on the Salisbury Vision project:**

At the Chairman's request, the Head of Marketing, Economic Development and Transport (MEDT) was in attendance to give an update on the Salisbury Vision project.

The Officer gave a powerpoint presentation, outlining the current stage and findings of the project and the next steps to be undertaken. He explained that the consultants working on the project had completed a first draft of the Salisbury Vision document (the area development framework), with the proposals within being based on the following design principles:

- Improved connectivity
- High quality public realm
- Gateways and arrival points
- Revealing the natural assets
- Celebrating the building assets

Based on these design principles, 25 different projects had been identified with the purpose of realising the vision for Salisbury. These projects fall under three different categories, as follows:

- Transport and movement
- Development
- Public realm.

The Officer gave a brief description of some of the projects, and explained that the Vision document had been considered in detail by the steering group for the project, at which point a number of comments were raised for inclusion. Once these comments had been addressed, the document would be circulated to all scrutiny panels for consideration, prior to submission to Cabinet. Owing to the impending district elections, this consultation would take place after May 2007. Provided the Cabinet is happy with the document, a further stage of public consultation would take place before final approval and incorporation into the Local Development Framework (LDF). In addition to this process, Cabinet would be shortly asked to consider the

employment of a project manager to oversee delivery of the project, and a further steering group would be formed to oversee this implementation stage. A number of Officer led subgroups had also been recently formed with the aim of taking forward various projects identified within the document. The membership of these groups would remain flexible to include elected Members and external partners as and when appropriate and electronic newsletters, containing information on the progress of the project, would be circulated to all elected Members and staff throughout the coming months to keep them updated, with the first due in the coming days.

Members noted that in addition to the Maltings and central car park area, they felt that the Old Manor site was in particular need of attention. They also noted the importance of the charter market to the city and that this should be retained.

Members requested information on the funding of the project, and the Officer explained that although the Regional Development Agency (RDA) and the county council had match-funded the development element of the project, the council would now need to independently fund the implementation and delivery stage, which is why the sub-groups, established to give attention to the 25 projects and the associated funding and capital gains, were particularly important, even at this early stage.

**Resolved –**

- 1) that the report be noted.
- 2) that the steering group for the project be requested to extend an invitation to all scrutiny panels for Members to sit on working groups relating to the Vision.

**255. Land at Downton Road and proposed land swap of community land:**

Further to the request made by the Panel at the previous meeting for information on the above item, Members considered the above report.

**Resolved –** that the report be noted.

**256. Update on City centre Management Review:**

The Scrutiny Support Officer circulated a brief summary of the progress of the above review at the meeting. Panel Members noted that they would like to see this review progressed following the elections in May 2007.

**Resolved –** that the review be progressed as a priority of the Panel's work programme following the elections, and that a further Member be elected to the review group to ensure that membership is cross-party and of 3 Members or more in keeping with the guidance issued by the Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.

**257. Cabinet Work Programme:**

The Panel considered the Cabinet work programme items relating to the Planning and Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Panel (previously circulated).

**Resolved –** that the work programme be noted.

**258. Date of next meeting:**

**Resolved –** that the date of the next meeting, provisionally scheduled for 23 April 2007, be cancelled due to insufficient business for consideration.

*The meeting closed at 7.10pm  
Public in attendance – 0*