

**SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**

**1st December, 2004**

Members Present:-  
Councillor Clifford  
Councillor Mrs. Johnson  
Councillor Mutton  
Councillor Patton  
Councillor Ridge  
Councillor Sawdon (Chair)

Other Scrutiny Board  
Member Present:- Councillor Duggins

Cabinet Member  
Present:- Councillor Arrowsmith (Cabinet Member (Urban Regeneration and Regional Planning))

Employees Present:-  
P. Barnett (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)  
J. McGuigan (Director of City Development)  
J. Russell (City Development Directorate)  
C. Sinclair (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)  
M. Sockett (City Development Directorate)

**Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2004 were signed as a true record.

**60. Compass Court – Safer Routes to Work**

The Committee considered a report of the Director of City Development which had previously been considered by the Cabinet Member (Urban Regeneration and Regional Planning) (their minute 36/04 refers), and which had been called in by Councillors Mutton, Clifford and Duggins. The report sought approval as part of the Safer 'Routes to Work' initiative for the repaving of Compass Court, a pedestrianised area on Upper Spon Street, which included a rerouted cycle track and a proposed table junction on Windsor Street.

Members questioned the officers and Cabinet Member on the legal and advertising costs of the proposed boundary adjustment. The Cabinet Member advised that the total cost of the scheme, which was indicated in the report at £165,000, had included approximately £1,000 to cover legal and advertising costs.

RESOLVED that the Committee concur with the decision of the Cabinet Member.

**61. Call-Ins Stage 1**

The Committee noted that no call-ins had been received this week.

**62. Update on the Recommendations on Best Value Review – Highways/Highway Maintenance**

The Committee considered the Highway Maintenance Best Value Review Improvement Plan Recommendations and Actions.

Members questioned officers on aspects of the plan, in particular actions which were still outstanding. The Committee requested that a further report be brought back to a future meeting which would provide an update on a number of issues raised including an update on tree spraying activities, a draft policy for existing features and future schemes and service statements for other highway maintenance services areas.

**RESOLVED:**

- (1) That a further report addressing the issues indicated above be brought to a future meeting.
- (2) That the recommendation in the Plan to consider commissioning an investigation of potential benefits and costs of a public-private partnership be referred to the Cabinet Member (City Services).

**63. Outstanding Issues**

The Committee noted a report of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services that identified those issues on which further reports had been requested in order that Members could monitor progress.

**64. Review Topic – Coventry Transport Museum**

Further to minute 48/04, the Committee considered a briefing paper that set out a chronology outlining events at the Transport Museum from when it first opened in 1990 through to the present day. They also considered a number of reports dated between August 2002 and September 2003 which provided information relating to matters raised at the last meeting.

Members questioned officers on a number of issues, particularly with regard to what evidence there was of asbestos in the building at the time of purchase and how the situation relating to grants received had changed the overall scope of the scheme.

Following discussion, the Committee requested that a further report be produced to include information on the Level 2 survey undertaken in the early 1980s together with a breakdown of all costs incurred and funding received to date.

**RESOLVED** that a further report on the issues identified above be brought to the next meeting.