

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**14th December, 2005**

Members Present:- Councillor Mrs. Dixon
Councillor Duggins
Councillor Field
Councillor Mutton
Councillor Patton
Councillor Ridge (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Sawdon (Chair)
Councillor Williams

Co-opted
Member Present:- Councillor Clifford

Employees Present:- D. Elliott (City Development Directorate)
C. Hinde (Director of Legal and Democratic Services)
C. Steele (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)
A. Townsend (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)

135. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November, 2005, were signed as a true record.

136. Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the part of the item of business contained in Minute 138/05 below, relating to "Swanswell Initiative – Cygnet and Orwell Court" on the grounds that the item involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of that Act, in particular Paragraph 7 of that Schedule.

137. Call-ins Stage 1

The Committee noted that no call-ins had been received yet this week. The deadlines for call-ins for Cabinet and Cabinet Member decisions made during the week commencing 5th December, 2005, was 9.00 a.m. on Friday, 16th December, 2005. Any call-ins received after this meeting and before the deadline would be considered for validity by the Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee in consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services (Paragraph 5.4.5.25.4 of the City Council's Constitution refers).

138. Swanswell Initiative – Cygnet and Orwell Court**Feasibility**

Further to Minute 132/05, the Committee received an update on the feasibility study on the potential locations for dedicated new-build accommodation. It was

noted that Site 5, which had been identified as most suitable, was subject of a feasibility study by Orbit Housing, the Landlord of the affected properties, the feasibility study was promising and it was believed to be possible to replicate the buildings being removed on this site. The officer confirmed that due to the need for this type of accommodation in the City, it was likely that Orbit Housing would still be prepared to develop on this site even if the CPO was not successful in order to increase the level of this type of housing.

Consultation

The Committee noted that Orbit Housing were holding a meeting with the residents the following evening to discuss the CPO. The Committee felt that it was important to hold a meeting between the residents, Ward Councillors and Councillor Mutton to ensure that residents wishes were being taken on board.

Members were concerned that if residents were intending to object to the CPO they needed to understand the potential legal costs associated with this.

RESOLVED that:-

- (1) The officers be requested to submit a further update on developments/the outcome of meetings to the meeting on 4th January, 2006.**
- (2) The officers be requested to arrange a meeting between effected residents, Ward Councillors and Councillor Mutton, preferably before Christmas.**
- (3) The officers be requested to draft a briefing note for Councillor Mutton outlining the CPO process, legal/financial implications for residents and residents' rights for use at any meeting with residents.**

139. Outstanding Issues

The Committee noted that all previous outstanding issues had now been discharged.

140. Work Programme 2005/2006

The Committee considered the Work Programme for the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee for the Year 2005/2006. It was noted that the item headed Initial Budget Proposals, scheduled for January 2006 had been brought forward to the meeting on 21st December, 2005.

RESOLVED that the Annual Report of Scrutiny Board Chairs be submitted to the meeting on 18th January, 2006.

141. No Smoking Policy Revision

The above-mentioned report was due to be considered by the Cabinet at their meeting on 7th February, 2006, and it had been suggested that it would be appropriate for

Scrutiny to look at the proposals and feed any comments into the Cabinet meeting. The Committee briefly considered the most appropriate forum for this consideration.

RESOLVED that the No Smoking Policy Revision be scrutinised by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee at their meeting on 11th January, 2006.