

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

12th April, 2006

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

Cabinet Member Present:- Councillor Ridley (Cabinet Member (Adult Education, Libraries, Sport and Leisure))

Employees Present:- A. Davey (Community Services Directorate)
P. Deas (City Development Directorate)
D. Elliott (City Development Directorate)
C. Hinde (Director of Legal and Democratic Services)
R. Hughes (Chief Executive's Directorate)
L. House (City Development Directorate)
T. Jones (Community Services Directorate)
J. McGuigan (Director of City Development)
J. McLellan (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)
A. Maqsood (Community Services Directorate)
J. Staunton (City Development Directorate)
C. Steele (Chief Executive's Directorate)

Others Present:- L. Millett (CV One Limited)

261. Minutes

The minutes of the meetings held on 1st and 8th March, 2006, were signed as a true record.

262. Call-Ins Stage 1

The Committee noted that no call-ins had been received yet this week. The deadline for Cabinet and Cabinet Member decisions made during the week commencing 3rd April, 2006, was 12.00 noon on Thursday 13th April, 2006. Any call-ins received after this meeting but before that 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).

263. CV One Limited – Business Plan 2006/2009

The Committee considered a joint report, which was also to be considered by the Cabinet at their meeting on 18th April, 2006, which reviewed the CV One contract with the City Council and sought approval to extend the agreement by one year to 31st March,

2011. A copy of the CV One Limited Business Plan 2005/2008 was attached as an appendix to the report.

A presentation on CV One events for 2006 was made at the meeting and included:-

- The Corporate Event Budget
- Range of CV One events
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Key performance indicators
- Supporting mechanisms
- Licensing
- Event support services

On the basis of current performance and achievements, it was proposed that the contract with CV One be extended for a further 12 month period to bring the termination date to 31st March, 2011. Discussions had taken place to improve the collection and use of performance indicators and details of proposed changes were included in the report.

The Committee questioned the officers present and Liz Millett of CV One Limited, on aspects of the report with particular reference to the drop in footfall in the city centre, the affect on Arena Park and the potential impact of new businesses, particularly, Primark and Ikea on the City.

RESOLVED that the Business Plan and Events Programme for CV One Limited be noted and that the Cabinet be informed that the Committee had no specific comments to pass on to them.

264. **Swanswell Initiative – Cygnet Court and Orwell Court**

Further to Minute 204/05, the Committee received an update on the plans to ensure that the tenants of Cygnet Court and Orwell Court who would be affected by the Swanswell Initiative, were adequately rehoused in the area and that suitable properties had been secured for them prior to vacating their existing properties. The officer indicated that Orbit Housing continued to meet with the tenants and that they were confident that the tenants could be relocated amicably.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that a further progress report be submitted to a meeting of the Committee in June and that this report include information on the longer term position.

265. **Central Depot**

Further to Minute 216/05, the Committee considered a report of the Director of City Development which provided an update on the development of the former Central Depot site which would be one of the first to be developed in the Swanswell Initiative and would be critical in setting standards for future developments.

The concept originally being considered for this site, following a detailed feasibility study commissioned by the University of Warwick Science Park, was for a mixed use creative village development. The study concluded that gap funding of £6.45m would be required to deliver the whole village concept and it was considered that it was unlikely that

this funding could be secured. Further feasibility and appraisal work was now under way to look at different options for how the development could be delivered and how the funding gap could be reduced. In addition, other elements of the original village concept had evolved and were looking to locate in other areas of Swanswell and sites adjoining the city centre.

The Committee noted that it was proposed to seek Cabinet approval to a development strategy, as soon as the key issues have been resolved, which should be within the next few months. This would address the following issues once the outcome of the current appraisal work and the office relocation negotiations were established:-

- Design brief and financial appraisal
- Evolving creative industries concept within the Swanswell area
- Proposals for office relocation
- Recommendations for procuring the depot site development, including the delivery of the separate elements if appropriate.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that a further report be submitted to Cabinet on the Swanswell Initiative which would include proposals for the Central Depot.

266. **Sport and Leisure Facility Review**

Further to Minute 216/05, the Committee considered a report of the Director of City Development which provided an update on the Coventry Sports Centre redevelopment options with specific reference to the listed status of the building.

In parallel with the work being completed on the buildings and surveys and business plans being developed, officers have been consulting English Heritage over the issues surrounding the development of the sports centre and an appraisal of the following redevelopment options for the building and site are currently being considered:-

- (1) Retain the building and provide sufficient maintenance to ensure that it can be operated.
- (2) Redevelop the existing site for sport and leisure usage.
- (3) Redevelop the site for commercial uses (retaining the building).
- (4) Demolish the building and redevelop the site.

Prior to deciding upon a particular option an assessment on the commercial viability of each option would be required and it was estimated that this report would be commissioned in May 2006, with an assessment provided in the late summer/early autumn.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and that a further report be submitted at the conclusion of the review which would include details of the proposed strategy, business plan and the Sports Trust.

267. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – New Deal for Communities Partnership Board

The Committee considered a report of Councillor O'Neill which set out details of the work of the New Deal for Communities Partnership Board over the previous 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at meetings of the Board.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommends that the City Council continue to appoint to the New Deal for Communities Partnership Board.

268. Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Hillfields Action Plan Partnership Board

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Arrowsmith which set out details of the work of the Hillfields Action Plan Partnership Board over the previous 12 months and included attendance records for the City Council's representatives at meetings of the Board.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommends that the City Council continues to appoint to the Hillfields Action Plan Partnership Board.

269. Outstanding Issues

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

270. Work Programme 2005/2006

The Committee considered and noted the work programme for the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee for 2005/2006.