

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

11th October, 2006

Members Present:- Councillor Bains (Substitute for Councillor Patton)
Councillor Crookes (Substitute for Councillor Asif)
Councillor Duggins
Councillor Lee
Councillor Mutton
Councillor Ridge
Councillor Sawdon (Chair)
Councillor Williams

Co-Opted
Member Present:- Councillor Clifford

Employees Present:- P. Barnett (Chief Executive's Directorate)
G. Carey (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)
D. Elliott (City Development Directorate)
R. Hughes (Chief Executive's Directorate)
C. Swann (Legal and Democratic Services Directorate)

Apologies:- Councillor Asif
Councillor Patton

71. Swanswell Initiative – Cygnet Court and Orwell Court

Further to Minute 66/06, the Committee received an update on progress concerning the development of appropriate relocation packages for the tenants of Cygnet and Orwell Courts who are affected by the Swanswell Initiative, including their temporary relocation to suitable properties in Daimler Green, pending the construction of the development at the corner of Raglan Street and Canterbury Street.

The Committee were informed that positive action had been taken since the matter was last reported. This included a public meeting held in the area to discuss the proposals further, which had been attended by appropriate Ward Councillors, Councillor Arrowsmith Cabinet Member (Urban Regeneration and Regional Planning) and senior City Council staff. In addition, the Leader of the Council (Councillor Taylor) had visited two of the residents of Cygnet Court with physical disabilities, who are affected by the proposals, in order to discuss their concerns and to explain the proposed actions to adapt the accommodation at Daimler Green in order to meet their needs, pending the completion of purpose built permanent accommodation at the new Raglan Street development.

The Committee noted that the outcome of the Leader's visit had been positive and that agreement now appeared to have been reached regarding the proposals. It was noted that other residents had accepted proposed relocation packages offered to them. It was confirmed that a letter was being sent to all those residents affected by the development explaining the proposals in detail and the components of the relocation package. The Chair of the Committee (Councillor Sawdon) expressed the need for a

personal 'follow up' visit to be made to all those residents to be sent the letter, in order to personally explain the proposals and to consider the comments arising therefrom.

It was further reported that a planning application for the development at Raglan Street had now been submitted to the City Council and was due to be considered by the Planning Committee at their meetings on either 30th November or 14th December 2006.

The Committee were also informed that the next stage of the proposals involved the submission of a report to the Cabinet on 31st October 2006 and to the City Council later that day giving an update on the situation in relation to the relocation of the residents of Cygnet and Orwell Courts, and to advise on the outcome of the Planning Inspectorate's report following the recent public inquiry into the Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of part of the implementation of the Project. The report also requested, the City Council to support and approve the residents' relocation package having regard to the resolution concerning this matter taken at the Council meeting on 1st November 2005.

The Committee requested that, having regard to their close involvement in the consideration of the matter over the last few months, the report to be considered by the Cabinet and the City Council on 31st October be also submitted to them for endorsement prior to that date.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That arrangements be made for the report on the Swanswell No. 1 Compulsory Purchase Order, which is to be considered by the Cabinet and the City Council on 31st October 2006, to be submitted for consideration by this Committee at their next meeting on 18th October.**
- (2) That further progress reports be submitted to this Committee, as appropriate, as the relocation proposals and other aspects of the Swanswell Initiative are progressed.**

72. Outstanding Issues

The Committee considered 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.

RESOLVED that the further reports on the work of the Economic and Renaissance Sub-Board and the further details requested in respect of the Soothern & Craner Educational Foundation be submitted to this Committee by no later than their meeting on 29th November, 2006.

73. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2006/2007

The Committee considered and noted the latest version of their Work Programme for 2006/2007.

Under this item the Committee were informed that, owing to a clash of meetings with the Standards Committee on 18th October, difficulties may arise for some Members in

being present at the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on that date for the consideration of the reports from Scrutiny Board Chairs in respect of the question and answer session on Cabinet Member Plans. Arising from this, the Head of Democratic Services was asked to investigate the reason why a meeting of this Committee and the Standards Committee had been arranged on the same afternoon, and also why meetings had been arranged involving Members, which clearly clashed with other meetings already in the Council's Diary. The Committee also asked the Head of Democratic Services to investigate why Members' attendance records in the CMIS system were not up to date and to arrange for this to be rectified.