

## **SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE**

28<sup>th</sup> January, 2009

Scrutiny Co-ordination  
Committee Members

Present:

Councillor Arrowsmith  
Councillor Bigham (Substitute for Councillor Mutton)  
Councillor Charley  
Councillor Clifford  
Councillor Crookes  
Councillor Duggins  
Councillor Ridge (Chair)

Employees Present:

S. Bennett (Customer and Workforce Directorate)  
A. Davey (Community Services Directorate)  
E. Garratt (Customer and Workforce Services Directorate)  
S. Morrison (City Services Directorate)  
J. Parry (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
C. Steele (Chief Executive's Directorate)  
A. West (Chief Executive's Directorate)

Apologies:

Councillor Maton  
Councillor Mutton

### 138. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### 139. **Consideration of Call Ins – Stage 1**

The officers reported on the following call-in that had been received.

#### **Allesley Park Walled Garden**

The reason for the call-in was, "To better understand why another section of the land cannot be maintained by the Allesley Park Walled Garden Group. Also, to better understand the implications for the young people studying for their NVQ's".

**RESOLVED that the call-in detailed above be considered in detail by the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee at their meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009.**

### 140. **Consideration of Call-ins – Stage 2**

#### **Belgrade Plaza Phase 3: Proposed Amendments to the Development Agreement**

The reasons for the call-in were, "To better understand how housing students in a prestigious development to include affordable homes helps in the overall development of the City Centre".

Further to Minute 131/09 the Committee noted that this call-in would be considered by Scrutiny Board (3) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2009, to which all Members of Scrutiny Co-ordination had been invited to attend. As he was unable to attend this meeting, Councillor Arrowsmith asked that the following questions to be raised by the Chair of Scrutiny Board (3), Councillor Ridge: -

- i) Why the shared equity apartments were proposed to be replaced with social housing as opposed to student accommodation?
- ii) Would the Radisson Edwardian hotel development be jeopardised by this change of use?

#### 141. **Update on Grounds Maintenance Joint Directorate Working**

Further to Minute 65/08, the Committee considered a briefing Note, which provided an update on the joining of the grounds maintenance function between the two directorates of Culture, Leisure and Libraries and City Services. The Note covered progress to date; an anticipated completion date of April 2010; the membership of the project board and the scope of the project.

The Committee questioned the officers on a number of aspects of the Note and raised concerns in relation to the anticipated completion date of the project. The Officers explained numerous difficulties had been faced during the transitional stage but that emphasis was being placed on a service that would deliver an effective and constructive working partnership.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- i) **That the officers be requested to submit the Project Plan, with dated milestones to this Committee in 3 months time to include clear evidence that the project is progressing and that the relevant Cabinet Members be invited to attend that meeting.**
- ii) **That the relevant Cabinet Members be informed of the Committee's concerns regarding the anticipated completion date.**

#### 142. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Local Government Association Urban Committee**

The Committee considered a report of Councillor Gazey that detailed the work of the Local Government Association Urban Commission over the last 12 months and included the attendance records for the City Council representatives 2007 and 2008.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to Local Government Association Urban Committee**

#### 143. **Report Back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Birmingham International Airport Limited**

The Committee considered a report from Councillor Taylor that detailed the work of Birmingham International Airport (BIA) Limited over the last 12 months and included the attendance record for the City Council nominees at meetings of the Committee.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to Birmingham International Airport Limited.**

#### 144. **Report back on the Work of Outside Bodies – Regional Flood Defence Committee**

The Committee considered a report from Councillor Gazey that detailed the work of Regional Flood

Defence Committee over the last 12 months and included the attendance record for the City Councils nominees at meetings of the Committee.

**RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee recommend that the City Council continue to nominate to the Regional Flood Defence Committee**

145. **Outstanding Issues**

There were no outstanding issues.

146. **Work Programme 2008/09**

The Committee noted the Work Programme, and that the Value for Money Partnership Progress would be considered at their meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

147. **Meeting Evaluation**

The Committee briefly discussed the meeting to evaluate its effectiveness.

148. **Any Other Urgent Items of Public Business**

There were no other items of public business.