

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee held at 10.00 am on
Wednesday, 20 April 2016

Present:

Public Business

80. Declarations of Interest

There were no declaration of interest.

81. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9 March, 2016 were signed as a true record.

In relation to Minute75/15 relating to “Annual Canvas Update”, the Committee noted that a Briefing Note had been sent to Members providing further details on the 24,585 properties where no electors are registered to vote.

82. City Centre Destination Leisure Facility - Progress Update

The Committee received a Briefing Note, together with a comprehensive presentation, which provided an update on progress of the City Centre Destination Leisure Facility (CCDLF) project, in relation to the development of the design.

The Briefing Note outlined:-

- The background to the project, which forms part of the strategic review and rationalisation of public leisure facilities.
- The first three phases of an implementation plan to deliver the above strategic review and which have already been achieved
- The brief for the CCDLF, which includes an aspiration to create a landmark building, appropriate for a city centre location, with water slides, rides and features, creating an attraction to draw people into the city centre from across the City and the wider region.
- The proposed facility mix for the CCDLF
- Professional Appointments and progress with tenders
- The proposed programme, with the CCDLF due to be opened in November, 2018
- Design development (An appendix to the Briefing Note provided images being used for pre-planning engagement)

The Committee questioned officers on aspects of the Briefing Note and presentation, including:-

- Anticipated visitor numbers and financial modelling data
- The success/failure and operation of other water themed parks/facilities in the vicinity and country and what will make this facility more attractive to visit than comparable locations
- Access to the facility, including car parking provision
- Arrangements/ discussions regarding those displaced activities, such as indoor bowls, which are currently operating at the existing Coventry Sports Centre

RESOLVED that the Committee:-

- (1) Notes progress on the developing design of the City Centre Destination Leisure Facility since its approval by Cabinet in August 2014 and endorsement by Council in September, 2014**
- (2) Recommends that the Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks continues to receive regular briefings on the developing design of the City Centre Destination Leisure Facility and signs off all Royal Institute of British Architects stage reports**
- (3) Requests that a meeting be arranged early in the new Municipal Year to give members of the Committee, together with members of the Business, Economy and Enterprise Scrutiny Board the opportunity to be briefed on the financial modelling data.**
- (4) Notes that parking for the facility will be considered as part of the City Centre Car Park Strategy**

83. Combined Authority Update

Martin Reeves, Chief Executive, Councillor Lucas, Cabinet Member for Policy and Leadership and Councillor Maton, Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Employment, provided an update on the latest position regarding the West Midlands Combined Authority (CA). The Committee noted that it was anticipated that the CA would be established on 1 June, 2016, or as near to that date as possible.

The Committee were updated on the latest position in relation to other Authorities who had now joined the CA as non-constituent members, and noted that Warwickshire County Council had been provided with all the information required to enable them to review their decision not to join the CA.

Martin Reeves outlined his role as Chief Executive of the CA, together with temporary governance and management arrangements put in place to ensure that

the organisation continues to run smoothly when he is not in the Council House and/or when he is committed on CA business.

The Committee questioned the officer and Cabinet Members present on a number of issues including the devolution deal, the role of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the temporary governance and management issues outlined above.

84. Scrutiny Management

In accordance with the Constitution, the Committee were informed that Councillor Duggins, Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee, attended the Coventry Investment Fund Cabinet Committee meeting held on 8 March, 2016 for the item relating to “Coventry Investment Fund – Sitel New Operations Centre” and had agreed that the decision was urgent and that call in should not apply. The Committee were informed of the reason for urgency which was that to delay the implementation of the proposal had the potential of putting the proposed project at risk.

85. Outstanding Issues

The Committee noted that all outstanding issues had been included in their Work Programme for the year, Minute 86 below refers.

86. Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee Work Programme 2015/2016

The Committee considered their Work Programme for the current municipal year.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be noted.

87. Any Other Items of Public Business

There were no additional items of urgent public business.

(Meeting closed at Time Not Specified)