

Whiteley Parish Council

Strategic Development and Policy Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 18th March 2009 at 7pm.

Committee members present: Mike Evans (Chairman), Kairen Goves, Brian Hughes, Pat Thew

Parish Councillors Vivian Achwal, Colin Bielckus, Brenda Hatch, Al Menzies, one member of the public, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

1. **To receive apologies for absence:** Chris Cousin, David Jenkins
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items:** none.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**

A question was asked about agenda item 4.4.

4. Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:

4.1 To review issues concerning proposals for North Whiteley: **The Chairman will speak at the LDF Cabinet meeting on 25th March to raise concerns that the Core Strategy document fails to address the issues of most importance to Whiteley residents. A copy of the presentation will be placed on PC website and further information will be provided in the next edition of the Whiteley Voice.**

4.2 To review issues concerning Whiteley Village redevelopment and hub proposals which include a library: **a planning application for the redevelopment is expected shortly, it is hoped the hub will be provided early in the redevelopment. It was agreed to circulate the current plans to all councillors for information.**

4.3 To receive update on proposal to develop an action plan following the completion of the Parish Plan survey

4.3.1 To note response from HCC Leader asking that the Whiteley Access Plan and a decision on whether Yew Tree Drive could be opened to all traffic be fast tracked now that the SATURN study for the area has been completed. **The HCC Leader delegated the response to Cllr Freddie Allgood who made a presentation to the Highways Committee on 25th February. A full report on the meeting has been circulated. Cllr Allgood advised that until the SATURN study was complete no decisions on road openings will be made.**

4.4 To receive update on proposal to provide a new building for use by young people including funding opportunities and the development of a procurement and management plan. **Work to establish a steering group of potential users and young people is progressing well. WCC has indicated that the business plan required to secure funding will need**

to demonstrate how the building will be used with a proposed timetable.

4.5 To discuss opportunity offered by Winchester City Council to take responsibility for Meadowside recreation ground, skatepark and play areas at the end of the current maintenance contract in 2011 following a full consideration of financial and operational issues. **WCC has provided some budget costs for maintaining the areas under consideration for adoption. The cost of maintaining these areas is met from the Whiteley Fund, and we await details from City Council of the amount of money remaining in the Fund. Whiteley(Winchester) residents will be responsible for meeting these costs once the Whiteley Fund is exhausted.**

4.6 To receive update on the review of the 2007/8 Parish Council Strategy **It was agreed to recommend the revised Parish Council Strategy and Key Objectives for 2009/10 to Full Council.**

4.7 To develop procedures to carry out an annual risk assessment of financial & non-financial risks and internal audit controls as required by audit regulations. **It was agreed to recommend to Full Council the adoption of an action plan to improve effectiveness following a comprehensive review as detailed in the *Whiteley Parish Council Risk Assessment of Financial and Non-Financial Internal Audit Controls* document.**

5. **Recent correspondence:** none.

Meeting closed 8pm