

Minutes of the Meeting of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Held: THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2007 at 5.30pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>

<u>Councillor Mugglestone – Chair</u> Councillor J. Blackmore – Vice Chair

Councillor Bajaj Councillor Follett Councillor Newcombe Councillor Dawood Councillor Naylor Councillor Suleman

CO-OPTED MEMBERS

Mr Mohammed Alauddin Al-Azad - Parent Governor (Primary / Special Needs)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Blower – Task Group Leader, Children Schools and Young People Councillor Hall – Task Group Leader, Community Cohesion and Safety

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46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests that they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

Councillor Blower declared a personal interest in Appendix C, 'Education Inclusion' as her son had Special Educational Needs and that she had previously dealt with the department on this issue. She noted that despite the fact that she was not a Board Member and that the interest wasn't prejudicial, she undertook to take no part in the discussion.

Councillor Dawood declared a personal interest in Appendix C, 'Education Inclusion' as he worked at Connexxions.

60. PETITION - CROSSING OUTSIDE GREEN LANE SCHOOL

The Service Director, Regeneration, Highways and Transportation submitted a report responding to a petition presented to full Council by Mr. Jethwa on 15th June 2006, requesting the City Council to place either a zebra crossing or a crossing lady outside Green Lane Infant School.

The Head of Transport Development noted that a crossing would be a good idea but it would be dangerous in the proposed location. He did however note that this stretch of road was high in the list for traffic calming and would receive funding over the next year.

Board Members still felt that it would be a good idea to locate a crossing in this area, particularly in view of the health centre that was opening. Other instances of similar crossings in the city were noted. The Head of Transport Development commented that the crossing would only be used at peak times and motorists would become used to ignoring it. He did however note that the introduction of traffic calming may make it safe to install a crossing. He would ask officers to explore this possibility.

Board Members then considered how to take this matter forward. It was agreed to ask Cabinet to review the Service Director's decision and also to consider installing a crossing system and traffic calming and that this to be included in the next year's Transport Capital Programme.

The Head of Transport Development commented that he would ask officers to explore the possibility of including a crossing in this area, once traffic calming had been installed.

RESOLVED:

that the Cabinet be asked to review the decision of the Service Director and subsequently consider installing a crossing system and traffic calming and that this be included in the forthcoming year's Transport Capital Programme.