



Leicester
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Held: THURSDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2010 at 5.30pm

P.R.E.S.E.N.T.

Councillor Grant – Chair
Councillor Bhavsar – Vice-Chair

Councillor Aqbany
Councillor Clair
Councillor Newcombe

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Councillor Suleman

Also In Attendance

Councillor Wann

Cabinet Member for Culture

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Scuplak.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

There were no declarations.

**57. REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT TASK GROUP - FINAL
REPORT - CYCLING ACCESS TO NEW WALK**

Councillor Newcombe submitted a report that presented the findings of the Regeneration and Transport Task Group inquiry into cycling access on New Walk.

Councillor Newcombe reminded the Board that the review arose from a representation submitted by Mr Mark Burbidge to the Board in relation

to illegal cycling on New Walk. The Task Group undertook a site visit to New Walk, followed by a formal meeting.

The Task Group sought to find out whether cycling should be permitted on New Walk, and Councillor Newcombe was pleased with the volume and quality of responses that were acquired. It was reported that the Task Group accepted that there were real concerns about the safety of cyclists on New Walk and that those who were doing so were conducting antisocial behaviour. However, the Task Group did not accept the suggestion in the initial representation that significant enforcement from the police and council staff would result in thousands of pounds a year in income from fines.

Mr Burbidge was also in attendance and was asked to address the Board. He was of the view that since he lodged his representation, the Council would have gained a significant amount of income from imposing fines to those who cycled on New Walk. He also enquired when 'no cycling' floor markings would appear on New Walk. In response, it was made clear that the Task Group had recommended that such pavement-based markings be considered, but that all recommendations would be considered by Cabinet before any final decisions are taken. He also offered his thanks to the Task Group for conducting the review and was hopeful that there would be an increase in the number of fines that were imposed.

Councillor Joshi explained that he formed part of the Task Group. He stated that the Task Group were keen to retain New Walk as a cycle-free area, and that it was not feasible to create a cycle lane on New Walk given the width of the pavement.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations of the Task Group set out in paragraph 2.1 of the report be endorsed.