



Leicester
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

Extract of the minutes of the Meeting of the HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: MONDAY, 14 JULY 2003 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Thompson - Chair
Councillor Ramsdale - Liberal Democrat Spokesperson
Councillor Connelly - Labour Spokesperson

Councillor Bhatti

Councillor Henry

Councillor Panchbhaya

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12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

No such declarations were made at this time.

16. LEICESTER WEST TRANSPORT SCHEME PROPOSAL

The Corporate Director of Environment, Regeneration and Development submitted a report that sought the views of the Scrutiny Committee prior to the report being considered by Cabinet. The report informs Members of recent developments regarding the Leicester West Transport Scheme (LWTS) proposal and the status of submitting the proposal to the Department for Transport (DfT) for funding by 31 July 2003.

In the light of the further technical and financial appraisal undertaken on the proposal of only including the Birstall and Glenfield sites, and after discussions with DfT and Government Office East Midlands (GOEM), officers recommended that the submission of the LWTS proposal to the DfT be delayed for one year and that in the meantime officers at the City Council review the current proposals and further investigate options for sites in the south of the City, and report back appraised options.

Following discussion the Scrutiny Committee raised a number of points regarding the future of the scheme and in particular the recent announcement

by the Cabinet Link Member for Environment, Regeneration and Development regarding an alternative third park and ride site at Aylestone and expressed the desire that he be invited to attend the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee. Officers stated, that should the recommendations in the report be agreed then sites in the south of the City Council administrative area originally investigated by MVA Consultants be reviewed and re-assessed.

The Scrutiny Committee were generally supportive of the recommendations in the report.

Note

Councillors Bhatti and Connolly recorded their vote against supporting the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

- 1) that Cabinet be informed that the Scrutiny Committee supports the recommendations set out in the report regarding the Leicester West Transport Scheme proposal.
- 2) that the Cabinet Link Member for Environment, Regeneration and Development be invited to attend the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee to answer questions from members.