



Leicester
City Council

MINUTES EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST 2003 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

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

Councillor Allen
Councillor Kitterick (for Councillor Bhatti)

Councillor (for Councillor Henry)

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18. 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.

Councillor Thompson disclosed the following personal interests: -

Minute 25 (2002/03 Capital Programme Monitoring – Outturn) as a member of the Greater Humberstone Management Board.

Minute 27 (Central Leicestershire Local Transport Plan Third Annual Progress Report) as Governor at Sandfield Close Primary School and as a resident benefiting from street lighting improvements.

29. DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE PLANNING PROCESS

The Corporate Director of Environment, Regeneration and Development submitted a report that clarified the process and framework for the negotiation of developer contributions that could be sought as a result of development in the City.

The report set out a draft protocol and working procedures for securing contributions and proposed, for the next stage, the production of detailed Supplementary Planning Guidance which would set out the City Council's priorities in seeking developer contributions. The report also examined the role of the post created to co-ordinate work on this issue, and the possible role of a Member Advisory Committee.

The Scrutiny Committee gave the report full consideration and, in view of the issues highlighted in the report and in the light of the advice from the Assistant Head of Legal Services Members were strongly of the opinion that a Members Advisory Panel should not be established.

RESOLVED:

- 1) that the draft protocol, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be noted as Corporate Procedure for the assessment of development proposals, and the production of Supplementary Planning Guidance.
- 2) that the decision of Cabinet in January 2003, to create the 'Developer Contributions' post, to be funded for a 12 month period from the Planning Delivery Grant, be noted, together with the submission of a bid to the Leicester Shire Economic Partnership to fund the post.
- 3) that in the light of advice from the Assistant Head of Legal Services, and the issues highlighted in the report, the Scrutiny Committee would not support the establishment of a Members Advisory Panel; and,
- 4) that the Scrutiny Committee would wish to see a role for Ward Councillors during discussions regarding planning gain.

30. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.47 pm.