

Minutes of the Meeting of the STRATEGIC PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY 2006 at 5.30pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>

<u>Councillor A. Vincent- Chair</u> <u>Councillor Porter-Conservative Spokesperson</u>

Councillor Henry Councillor Dempster (for Cllr. Thomas) Councillor Renold Councillor Waddington Councillor Willmott (for Cllr. Kitterick)

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78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to declare any interests 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 Willmott declared a personal interest in Report A 'Draft Revenue Strategy for the Regeneration and Culture Department' as a board member of the East Midlands Development Agency. He also declared a personal interest in Report 'B', 'Employment Land Study' as a site near to his home address was raised during the discussion.

Councillor A. Vincent declared a personal interest in Report B1, 'New Business Quarter', as a member of the Development Control Committee, which was yet to give final consideration to a site which was named in the report.

84. PROPOSED CHURCHGATE CONSERVATION AREA

The Service Director, Environment submitted a report seeking the Committee's views on the designation of the area shown on the map contained within the report as a new conservation area, to be known as 'Church Gate Conservation Area' and on the adoption of a Character Appraisal as supplementary guidance to the local plan.

Members of the Committee welcomed the report.

Members of the Committee queried whether conservation area status would

require planning permission for security features such as CCTV cameras or security shutters. The Service Director, Environment commented that conservation area status did mean that planning permission would generally be required for such works but there would be ways in which they could be implemented more sensitively if they were necessary.

Committee members noted in the consultation responses there were a lot of comments on other aspects of the area relating to anti social behaviour. It was hoped that these comments could be forwarded on to other work that the Committee is carrying out on the city centre. Officers confirmed that a report on the city centre would be coming to the committee in March.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the report be welcomed; and
- (2) that the comments raised as part of the consultation be forwarded as part of other work being undertaken on the city centre.