

FOSSE COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2015

Held at: Fosse Library, Mantle Road, Leicester LE3 5HG

ACTION LOG

Present:

Councillor Alfonso
Councillor Cassidy

<u>NO.</u>	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>ACTION REQUESTED AT MEETING</u>
1.	INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	<p>Councillor Cassidy was invited to take the Chair.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from M. Broad (Neighbourhood Development Manager) and Sergeant Andy Goadby (Leicestershire Police).</p>
2.	ACTION LOG	<p>The Action Log of the meeting held on 18 March 2015 was agreed and noted.</p>
3.	WATERSIDE REDEVELOPMENT	<p>David Beale (Senior Project Manager) updated the meeting on the Waterside regeneration initiatives. Reference was made to the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) which had now been adopted.</p> <p>An outline planning application had been submitted for the first phase of development and a delivery strategy and timescales were being developed for the scheme.</p> <p>Funding for delivery had been secured and some related infrastructure works were underway. It was reported that the market was beginning to respond to the commitment to regenerate the area with investment enquiries. In respect of the highway infrastructure works it was also reported that the Waterside area was situated on the A50 corridor and reference was made to the major programme of works being prepared (Leicester North West Major Transport Scheme).</p> <p>The provision of primary school places had been identified as an issue for the area and the SPD had recognised this need. A site search and a high level feasibility exercise had commenced.</p>

		<p>In discussing the update the following observations were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Environment Agency were considering flood schemes, which could lead to ecology benefits, improved access to the waterside and improvements to towpaths. • Friars Mill construction work was to be complete by the end of November 2105. • The Outline planning application was for up to 500 homes, townhouses and lower rise apartments. • Active discussions were being held with the owners of the Premier Screw site, albeit separate from the development and outline planning application. <p>The position and update was noted.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>HIGHWAYS ISSUES</p>	<p>Steve Warrington (Road Safety Engineer) updated the meeting in respect of the commitment to provide 20 mph zones in appropriate locations in the city. He referred to the Tudor Road area where a scheme had been proposed to reinforce the traffic calming scheme already implemented. A further scheme around Fosse Primary School was also being considered.</p> <p>It was confirmed that all traffic schemes were subject to a period of consultation with residents and interested parties before any decision was made.</p> <p>In respect of previous requests for calming schemes suggested by the Woodgate Residents Association, including the Bonchurch Street area, and Basset Street and Dunton Street areas, it was suggested that officers contact the Association to clarify details of the requests so that they be brought forward if appropriate.</p> <p>Concerns were expressed at the road layout adjacent to the former Empire Public House and it was confirmed that a planning condition had required a traffic scheme to be agreed and implemented before the commencement of works. It did not appear that the condition was being met and officers agreed to</p>

		<p>investigate the matter.</p> <p>Steve was thanked for his report and update.</p>
5.	TRANSFORMING NEIGHBOURHOODS UPDATE	<p>Laura Burt (Community Engagement Officer) updated the meeting concerning the review of neighbourhood services and confirmed that a preferred bidder had been identified to take on the future management of Newfoundpool neighbourhood centre. The terms of the lease were to be released for agreement and signature in due course.</p> <p>Laura also confirmed that protection had been included in the lease terms for existing user groups to continue their activities.</p> <p>The update and position was noted.</p>
6.	POLICE UPDATE	<p>Officers updated the meeting with recent police activities in the Ward.</p> <p>Thefts had increased and residents were requested to ensure security of their garden sheds and garages, as these had been targeted in recent months.</p> <p>Several reports of Anti-social behaviour had been reduced, however, increased street drinking in the Tudor Road (Tudor Gardens) area had caused concerns and patrols had been increased to deal with problems.</p> <p>A community event supported by the square mile project to raise funds for the adventure playground and the Lord Mayor's fund was advertised and information was circulated.</p> <p>In response to questions it was reported that collaborative working with Council colleagues and officers from neighbouring police divisions was ongoing to tackle the increase in graffiti 'tags'. Details of the worst affected areas were noted.</p> <p>The update was noted.</p>
7.	CITY WARDEN UPDATE	<p>The City warden could not be present, however details of his environmental and enforcement activities had been circulated and were duly noted.</p>

8.	WARD COMMUNITY BUDGET	<p>Councillors referred to the purpose of the ward Community Budget and reported on the local projects had been awarded funds.</p> <p>Representatives of the Nigerian Association presented details of their recent community event and expressed their thanks for the contribution received.</p>
9.	CLOSE OF MEETING	<p>The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.</p>