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Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny
Committee

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**Citywide Construction Project Update
November – March 2007**

Report of the Service Director for Regeneration, Highways & Transportation

1. Purpose of Report

To provide a short update on the report that went to the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny on the 19th October 2006 regarding the Leicester Citywide Construction Project and to highlight future project activities. The report also address queries about the project raised by Members.

2. Summary

In the last report progress was reported on four key projects:

- The Shires Development
- Building Schools for the Future
- Leicester City Council (Godstow Walk)
- The former Charles Street Police Station Site.

2.1 Project Update

Actions that have happened on the Citywide Construction project since the last report are:

Area	Actions
Shires Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussions with Hammersons/MacAlpines ongoing• Agree single point of contact
Building Schools for the Future	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First meeting with preferred supplier 23rd January 07.• Agreed a sub-contractor event• Initially target groundwork• Contractor to receive database• Confirm 10% new entrance trainees

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed future meeting with Project Director.
Leicester City Council (Godstow Walk)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of preferred developer currently going through Adults and Housing Directorate. • Local labour and training opportunities included in Tender return. • Work to commence Dec 07.
Former Police station Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hallam agreed to take on trainees • First two interviews for training opportunities For Jan.

2.2 The project has also developed close links with SRB 6.

3.0 Progress / Development

3.1 McAlpines/ Shire Development

Total figures on the Shires Development for January 2007

Company	No of Employers	LE postcode	% Local
Avondale Construction	19	12	63
Byrnes Bros.	157	46	29
Delton	16	12	75
EW Construction	15	15	100
GBG	15	0	0
GLJ Interiors	20	0	0
Grant Ameristone	12	0	0
Hillstreet Construction	42	3	7
Inverclean Ltd	7	7	100
McAlpines	60	20	33
Norman & Underwood	10	10	100
Parkstone Ltd	30	3	10
Seele	13	0	0
Severfield Reeve	20	0	0
Taybar Security	16	15	94
Total	452	143	32

3.2 Building Schools for the Future/Godstow Walk

Both of these projects are in the early stages of development with no contractors yet on site. The preferred contractors have to complete a method statement outlining how they will maximise employment and training opportunities for local residents. Representatives from both BSF and Godstow Walk projects will be invited onto the Citywide Construction strategy board to ensure a close fit between with training and to maximise employment opportunities.

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- 3.4 Former Police Station/Colton Square
Successfully placed 3 trainees with Hallams, working in two gangs of approximately 5 trained and qualified people. The Citywide Construction project manager is having further discussion with Hallams in late March to unlock further training opportunities.

4. Additional Information

With the exception of BSF and Godstow Walk, all the construction projects supported by Leicester Citywide Construction are on a 'best endeavours' basis, where the main contractors haven't committed themselves via the contracting process to provide a certain level of targeted training and recruitment.

- 4.1. In the absence of contractual obligations, it is difficult to get accurate information from sites regarding training placements. However all research shows that for non-traditional training (those entering the industry at 16 and progressing through a traditional apprenticeship) the figure is very small.
- 4.2 In calculating the capacity of the site to take trainees it is important to recognise that there is a maximum number of trainees that can be accommodated in each trade - this is between 10% and 15% of the qualified/experienced people on site.
- 4.3 To estimate the number of job opportunities for local people it is reasonable, based on similar projects, to expect a minimum of 20% of the labour force to be targeted to Leicester residents.
- 4.4 Both The Shires and Colton Square are within these guidelines.

5. Recommendations

Members are asked to note the report and to comment on progress.

6. Financial & Legal Implications

Financial – No financial implications arise from this report

Legal – The legal recommendations in October 2004 report remain unchanged.

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Shires Feb-07

COMPANY	TOTAL No. Employees	TOTAL No. LE Postcode	% LOCAL
Avonadale Construction	19	12	63
Bradley Catering	5	5	100
Byrnes Bros.	245	49	20
Colt	2	0	0
Decomo	6	0	0
Delton	16	12	75
Elsome	6	0	0
EW Construction	50	50	100
GBG	12	0	0
GLJ Interiors	30	0	0
Grant Ameristone	15	0	0
Hillstreet Construction	40	3	8
Inverlean Ltd	7	7	0:0
McA	61	22	36
Norman & Underwood	2	2	100
Parkstone Ltd	5	0	0
Portal	5	0	0
Protec	2	0	0
Richardson Roofing	2	0	0
Redstone	3	0	0
Rock Asphalt	3	0	0
Seele	13	0	0
Severfield Reeve	23	0	0
Taybar Security	16	15	94
TOTALS	588	177	30

