

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2014 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT : Councillors Apel, Evans, Plowman (Chairman) and Woolley

ALSO PRESENT : Councillors Macey and Scicluna

IN ATTENDANCE : Town Clerk, Property Manager and Administration Manager

APOLOGIES : Councillors Campling and T Dignum

21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Business Review Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2014 having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

22 SECTION 106 MONIES

The Property Manager's report was circulated to all members with the Agenda.

The report highlighted six projects for Section 106 funding and these included the three proposed projects put forward by the City Centre Partnership namely :

- (i) St Martin's Street (raising the road level of St Martin's from East Street up to the rear doors of Marks & Spencer);
- (ii) Little London (raising the road level of Little London from East Street to entrance car park, to provide a single level shared use surface); and
- (iii) Cooper Street (raising the road level).

The City Council's proposed projects for Section 106 funding were :

- (iv) North Street (widen the pavement);
- (v) East Street (widen the pavement); and
- (vi) Oxmarket Twitten and Backs (re-lay paving in Twitten, remove existing railing in backs, re-lay paving and improve lighting).

The Property Manager had approached two civil engineering contractors and had received costings from one of the contractors for the City Council's proposed projects. The Property Manager had also met with Archibald Shaw, design consultants for civic engineering projects, who had also submitted costings for the three projects, although much higher. The vast difference in costings was due to the local knowledge Archibald Shaw have of the area as they have been involved with West Sussex County Council highway projects.

The Committee agreed that a joint approach of the City Council and City Centre Partnership would be beneficial and advantageous to all parties.

There was agreement to the Property Manager and the City Centre Partnership making a joint presentation to the next CLC Meeting on 2 December 2014 to request Section 106 funding for topographical surveys and outline design costs.

It was RECOMMENDED to full Council that Archibald Shaw be appointed as design consultants for the above six projects.

23 NEW HOMES BONUS APPLICATIONS 2014/2015

The Committee were advised that the six New Homes Bonus Applications supported by the City Council had been approved by Chichester District Council although some successful applications had conditions attached to them; these conditions were explained to the Committee.

It was RESOLVED to formally record acceptance of the conditions set out in the Agreement relating to New Homes Bonus (City Allocations) 2014/2015 between Chichester District Council and Chichester City Council and that the Town Clerk be authorised to sign the Agreement on the City Council's behalf.

24 BUSINESS PLAN

The Chairman explained that the Business Plan had been redesigned to include the City Council's 'Current', 'Medium Term' and 'Long Term' aims, objectives and aspirations for the next ten years together with budget costings. Amendments and additions were suggested for the Business Plan and these would be incorporated. It was anticipated that the Business Plan would be adopted and approved by Full Council at their meeting on 3 December 2014.

25 LOCALISM - UPDATE

The Chairman advised that a meeting in September with the Leader of Chichester District Council did not take place. However it was appreciated that the District Council's current involvement with the Examination of the Local Plan was taking up time and that a meeting would be planned for early 2015.

26 LOCAL PLAN

Both the Chairman and Councillor Apel advised that they had attended meetings recently held during the Examination of the Local Plan and that further meetings had been arranged in December 2014 to justify the housing numbers contained in the Plan or that the housing numbers had to be increased. At the meetings there had been a lack of local representation, therefore the Chairman has requested that the City Council be represented at the December meeting.

The Chairman suggested contacting the consultants that had produced the Impact Study for the City Council to ascertain if they would be interested in putting forward the City Council's case for supporting the lower number of housing, as an independent advisor.

It was RECOMMENDED to Finance Committee that £1,000 be allocated for consultant's fee to represent Chichester City Council's view on supporting the lower number of housing in Chichester.

27 HERITAGE LIGHTING - UPDATE

The Property Manager explained that due to problems with their supply chain SSE have had to install a number of green painted columns, however these would be repainted black when weather permits. Also, due to supply problems SSE have fitted a number of temporary lamp heads which will be replaced when the Heritage lamp heads are available.

West Sussex County Council are inspecting the wall brackets of the wall hung lamps in St John's Street to see if they are fit for purpose and whether they can be reused for the new lamp heads.

Temporary repairs have been carried out around the new columns whilst replacement stone is sourced. Permanent reinstatement of the heritage paving will be carried out as soon as possible.

28 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

- Section 106 Monies
- Localism
- Local Plan
- Heritage Lighting

29 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 29 January 2015 at 10.00am.

The meeting ended at 11.45am.