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MEETING	PLANNING AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY BOARD
DATE	28 FEBRUARY 2006
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS SMALLWOOD (in the Chair), BARTLETT, HOGG, JAMIESON-BALL and SIMPSON-LAING  DON PARLABEAN (Non-voting co-opted member)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR VASSIE

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#### **40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests which they might have in any of the business on the agenda.

No interests were declared.

#### **41. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of 1 February 2006 be approved and signed as a correct record.

#### **42. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

#### **43. GUIDANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Members received a report which provided them with an opportunity to discuss and review the sustainable development guidance from other local authorities that had been circulated to them following previous meetings, and presented an amalgamated version of their guidance on land use and waste (attached at Annexes A & B).

Members highlighted the need to draw together their work on sustainable development and draft a final report for consideration at the April meeting of the Board. They also agreed to invite the Principal Development Officer (Forward Planning) from the City Development Team to brief them on progress with the Local Development Framework and its impact on sustainable development at an informal meeting in March.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the sustainable development guidance from other local authorities be noted;
- (ii) That the content of the amalgamated version of local authorities' guidance on land use and waste be noted and that an executive summary be produced listing key objectives for developers;
- (iii) That the Principal Development Officer (Forward Planning) from the City Development Team be invited to brief the Board on progress with the Local Development Framework and its impact on sustainable development at an informal meeting in March;
- (iv) That a final report on the sustainable development topic be drafted for consideration at the April meeting of the Board.

**44. UPDATE ON THE LEGISLATIVE AND MONITORING FRAMEWORKS SUPPORTING SCRUTINY BOARD RESEARCH AND FINDINGS FOR ENERGY MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT, AND SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SOURCING**

Members received a report which provided them with an overview of recent changes to legislative and monitoring frameworks to inform the Board's decisions, findings and recommendations on the topic 'Guidance for Sustainable Development'.

The report covered the following legislative and monitoring frameworks:

- Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA), Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI's) and Recommended Indicators;
- Gershon Efficiencies;
- The EU Buildings Directive;
- Planning Policy Statement 22: Renewable Energy;
- Revisions to the Buildings Regulations;
- The National Code for Sustainable Buildings.

In March 2005 the UK Government Sustainable Development Strategy 'Securing the Future' was published. The associated guidance for monitoring, entitled 'Local Quality of Life Indicators – Supporting Local Communities to Become Sustainable', which included complementary indicators for Local Authorities and Local Strategic Partnerships, was published in August 2005. The guidance recommended Local Authorities and Local Strategic Partnerships adopt nine local quality of life indicators, three of which had a particular bearing on energy and environmental impact:

- 24 – Levels of key air pollutants;
- 25 – Carbon dioxide emissions by sector and per capita emissions;

- 26 – Average annual domestic consumption of gas and electricity (kwh).

Whilst the indicators were voluntary (i.e. non-statutory), they were drafted to flesh out statutory indicators and help monitor the effectiveness of Sustainable Community Strategies.

RESOLVED: (i) That the legal and monitoring frameworks outlined in the report be noted;

- (ii) That it be agreed that the final report include a recommendation to the Executive to adopt and integrate quality of life indicators 24 and 25 into the monitoring framework at City of York Council, as recommended in the guidance 'Local Quality of Life Indicators – Supporting Local Communities to Become Sustainable'.

D SMALLWOOD (in the Chair)

The meeting started at 6.35 pm and finished at 7.05 pm.