

City of York Council

Committee Minutes

MEETING	LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP
DATE	13 MAY 2008
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS REID (CHAIR), SIMPSON-LAING (VICE-CHAIR), AYRE, D'AGORNE, MERRETT, MOORE, R WATSON, WATT, ALEXANDER (SUBSTITUTE FOR HORTON) AND JAMIESON-BALL (SUBSTITUTE FOR WALLER)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS HORTON AND WALLER

43. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

Cllr Simpson-Laing declared a personal non prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 4 (York Northeast Area Action Plan - Minute 46 refers) as she lived in the consultation area.

44. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting held on 4 March 2008 be approved and signed as a correct record.

45. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

46. YORK NORTHWEST AREA ACTION PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT, INCORPORATING ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION SUMMARY

Members considered a report which reviewed progress to date on the York Northwest Area Action Plan (AAP), and gave an overview of comments and headline results arising from consultation on the Issues and Options Report between November 2007 and January 2008. Members were asked to note the progress to date and the use of the consultation findings to inform the preparation of the Preferred Options. Members were further asked to agree the approach and programme for the preparation of the Preferred Options, which were also set out in this report.

Members received a presentation which covered the following points:

- Progress on the LDF, including the Core Strategy, Key Allocations and City Centre AAP, Evidence Base, Transport and Stakeholder Activity
- Issues and Options Consultation
- Vision and Objectives
- Key Themes, including Employment, Housing, Social Infrastructure, Culture and Tourism, Transport, Open Space
- Next Steps, including timescales, information analysis, developing conceptual options and the preferred options report

Members made the following comments:

- It was an important opportunity to review the success of the consultation process and what did and did not work.
- Future consultations could include having more local meetings, finding ways to reach hard to reach groups, such as through the Inclusive York Forum and providing an incentive to complete a questionnaire.
- The planning consent for a rail halt at the bottom of the York Business Park had been left out of the consultation and should be included in the next stage.
- No consultation had taken place yet on where the cycling / foot bridge would cross the river, especially where it could potentially go over private land. Officers reported that it would be included in the next stage of consultation as part of the Green Infrastructure.
- There would need to be clear implications of each of the transport options when they go back out for consultation.
- A range of options regarding the tram-train, showing possible constraints, should be brought back to Members before consultation.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the comments received on the Issues and Options documents be noted and their consideration in informing the Preferred Options stage for the Area Action Plan be supported;
 - (ii) That the progress made to date on production of the Area Action Plan be noted and the approach for the development of the Preferred Options stage of work be agreed.
 - (iii) That officers be thanked for all the work done during the consultation process on the Issues and Options report.

REASON:

To ensure that the Area Action Plan could be progressed to the next stage of work, in accordance with the Local Development Scheme.
To ensure that Members views were included in the generation of Preferred Options put forward.

Cllr A Reid, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.35 pm and finished at 5.40 pm].