

## CONSERVATION AND DESIGN ADVISORY GROUP

WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2006

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Set out below is a summary of the recommendations made at the meeting of the Conservation and Design Advisory Group held on Wednesday, 12 July 2006. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording that will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this recommendation summary please contact Ian Senior.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**  
Councillor Nigel Cathcart
2. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**  
Councillor Mrs Caroline Hunt
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
Agreed
4. **SUPPORT FOR THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH BIODIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP CO-ORDINATOR**  
Supported the continued development of the Biodiversity Partnership, and recommended that the Conservation, Sustainability and Community Planning Portfolio Holder maintains, where possible, the current funding allocation into 2007-08 for the Biodiversity Partnership as an effective value for money initiative and as a practical means of helping to achieve sustainable development throughout the District. In addition, Members urged the Conservation, Sustainability and Community Planning Portfolio Holder to use his best endeavours, together with other partners, to encourage the re-engagement of East Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridge City Council in the Partnership, which was weakened without their contribution.
5. **PROPOSED CAMBRIDGESHIRE ARCHAEOLOGY PARTNERSHIP**  
Recommended that the Conservation, Sustainability and Community Planning Portfolio Holder :
  - Supports, in principle, the concept of developing a Service Level Agreement (initially for one year only) with Cambridgeshire County Council and District Council partners, to develop and maintain the countryside archaeological service
  - authorises officers to attempt to identify suitable and sustainable funding resources (initially for one year only) and potentially including the Planning Delivery Grant, which may be allocated without compromising other key Conservation and Design or Portfolio objectives.
6. **BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY**  
Supported the Strategy and recommended that the Conservation, Sustainability and Community Planning Portfolio Holder presents the South Cambs. Biodiversity Strategy to Cabinet to seek its approval and adoption as Council Policy, subject to reference being made in it to the continuing need to adapt to the impact of climate change on biodiversity, and the addition of wording reflected in the fourth paragraph

of Minute no. 5 of the Conservation Advisory Group meeting held on 26 April 2006.

**7. A GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY FOR THE CAMBRIDGE SUB-REGION**

Supported the development of the Green Infrastructure Strategy and recommended that the Conservation, Sustainability and Community Planning Portfolio Holder urges Cabinet to support the adoption of the Strategy as Council Policy, and authorises officers to continue to work with partners to secure the Strategy's long-term delivery.

**8. CONSERVATION DESIGN GUIDES**

The Conservation and Design Advisory Group established a small Task and Finish sub-group to meet with officers, as necessary, to consider emerging drafts for new Conservation Area Design Guides during the course of the year. The sub-group would consist of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Conservation and Design Advisory Group, Councillor R Turner, and either one or two other Members whose willingness to serve would be canvassed prior to the next meeting of the Advisory Group on 13 September 2006.

