

## **PLANNING AND NEW COMMUNITIES JOINT PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2009**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Set out below is a summary of the recommendations made at the meeting of the Planning and New Communities Joint Portfolio Holders' Meeting held on Tuesday, 12 May 2009. 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. CARRY FORWARD OF UNCOMMITTED GRANT BALANCES AS AT 31 MARCH 2009**

The Planning Portfolio Holder agreed that the following uncommitted grant balances should be carried forward into the 2009-10 financial year:

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| • Heritage Initiatives Grants          | £29,061 |
| • Historic Buildings Preservation Fund | £54,622 |

#### **2. NEW COMMUNITIES - SERVICE PLAN 2009-10 TO 2011-12**

The New Communities Portfolio Holder adopted the New Communities Service Plan 2009-10 to 2011-12 subject to the following

- Key Partners to include Cambridgeshire Horizons and Cambridgeshire Together (Section 2(c))
- 'relocation of Cambridge Airport. To become 'non-relocation of Cambridge Airport (Threat)
- Resources levels (Threat) to make specific reference to the number of vacancies at senior officer level
- Threats to include specific reference to the uncertainty caused by ongoing delays in the development of Northstowe
- Resources (Section 6) to include capital grants
- Value for Money overview (Section 7) to become 'identify revenue 'core budget' savings of approximately £225K for 2010/11
- Workforce Overview (section 8) to be amended to identify other joint posts within the service including the Community Technical Manager and Affordable Housing Officer
- Equalities Overview (section 9) to make specific reference to the delivery of Gypsy and Traveller sites within the growth sites

#### **3. A14 ELLINGTON TO FEN DITTON IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR A14 LOOP ROAD**

The New Communities Portfolio Holder agreed that Costain Skanska Joint Venture be told that South Cambridgeshire District Council's response to the proposed draft Traffic Order on the A14 loop road at Girton interchange was as follows:

1. The Council has no objection in principle to the proposal to retain the A14 west bound loop Road at the Girton Interchange subject to a traffic regulation order restricting access to emergency and maintenance vehicles only.
2. Landscape mitigation should be extended to the whole of the retained area, which is currently:
  - A mixture of established scrub and low woodland planting to

the central area - there should be management of existing woodland, including new planting / glades / establishment of turf margins to and widening of the existing road verges and planting.

- New planting to the western mitigation area.
- Established scrub and farmed land at the eastern mitigation area. The 'existing pond' to the east seems to have been filled with vegetation and including areas of scrub (probably shrub willow) - there should be management to re-establish the eastern pond or, if retaining willow, establish a new pond in mitigation area currently farmed.

3. Planting to ensure strong links between mitigation areas should be a minimum of 20 metres deep.

#### 4. **CONSULTATION BY CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL - PUBLIC ART SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

The New Communities Portfolio Holder agreed that the following response to consultation be sent to Cambridge City Council:

1. **The first sections of the draft Public Art SPD** - These are compatible with the contents of the South Cambs SPD. One of the aims of the City Council's draft SPD is "to be consistent with the South Cambridgeshire District Council Public Art SPD, and will provide a sound basis for negotiations between the parties where public art is to be created for cross-boundary developments." South Cambs support this aim and welcomes the recognition by the City Council of the need for consistency between the two documents.
2. **Spatial strategy** - The prioritizing of funding for public art in the new development areas is to be supported as well as the recognition of the role that public art can have in involving both the new and existing communities in creating quality new communities.
3. **Development Control Guidance** – South Cambridgeshire District Council supports the recognition that for the larger growth areas that the contribution from developers for public art will be negotiated on a case by case basis. However the wording of the Development Guidance 2 indicates that all major development *will* dedicate 1% of the construction cost. This implies that it will be a requirement rather than be negotiated. In order for this to be compatible with the Public Art SPD adopted by South Cambs the wording of this guidance should be revised to read as follows – 'All major development *are encouraged to* dedicate up to 1%...'. The actual percentage will be determined by the implications for the delivery of development of the overall S106 costs of each major development.
4. **Public Art Funding** — It is not clear whether by including South Cambridgeshire District Council as an additional source of funding in paragraph 10.13 this would be from developers of one of the major developments on the edge of Cambridge or whether there is an expectation of funding directly from South Cambs which does not have a fund for public art. If the latter is the case then the reference to South Cambs Council should be deleted. Clarification is needed on this matter.

