

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE BOARD CITY CENTRE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **19 FEBRUARY 2013** at

Loxley House from 6.02 pm to 7.17 pm

- ✓ Councillor McDonald (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Urquhart (Vice Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Chapman
- ✓ Councillor Collins
- ✓ Councillor Norris
- ✓ Councillor Trimble

- ✓ indicates present at meeting

15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Collins (on other Council business) and Councillor Urquhart.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interest were made.

17 CITY CENTRE MAPPING

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Development, copies of which had been circulated, reporting on the outcomes of the City Centre Workshop held on 31 January 2013 and attended by Councillors and other key representatives from across the City. The report was presented by David Bishop, Corporate Director for Development who explained that the workshop had looked at City Centre future plans, City Centre Retail Strategy, leisure, markets and events, community protection and City services. Discussions had included the consideration of operational issues at the design stage to reduce problems and costs at a later date, identifying who did what and where any gaps needed plugging and identified some practical examples of where immediate improvements could be made.

It was recognised that many of the improvements which were being suggested were dependent on funding and that currently Area Committee funding was not being used for City Centre matters. It would be useful to have a separate pot of money available specifically to deal with smaller City Centre issues.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the outcomes from the City Centre Workshop be noted;**

- (2) that the City Centre Directors Group undertake further analysis of the Workshop outcomes, develop an action plan to address issues raised as part of the Nottingham City Centre Strategy (as a holding strategy to co-ordinate other City Centre plans and strategies) and consider the establishment of a bespoke City Centre budget to deal with small issues and to bring a report back to this Committee at its next meeting on 23 April 2013;**
- (3) that a draft City Centre Strategy be brought back to this Committee at its next meeting on 23 April 2013.**

Reasons for the decision:

In order to maximise the potential role that Nottingham City Centre had to play in transforming Nottingham's future economy, there was a need to make sure that all of its component parts were working to a common vision and that plans and strategies that related to the City Centre were all aligned. This involved developing an overarching strategy which articulated the vision and mapped activity against common objectives. The City Centre Workshop had been a useful starting point and this needed to be developed.

Other options considered:

Doing nothing and allow individual strategies to develop in an un-coordinated way.

18 NOTTINGHAM CASTLE – DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - PROGRESS UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Communities, copies of which had been circulated, updating the Committee on the current position with regard to the re-development of Nottingham Castle.

A verbal update was provided by Councillor Trimble, the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Tourism, who advised the meeting that since the comprehensive bid had been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund on 30 November 2012, work had been undertaken to engage stakeholder and interest groups.

Work was also being undertaken to fully integrate the Nottingham Castle development into the broader Castle Quarter and City Centre scheme proposals. Work had commenced to scope out and procure the necessary professional team requirements in order to progress the detailed feasibility work of the bid was successful. It was anticipated that representatives from the Heritage Lottery Fund would shortly undertake a two day visit to the City in order to consider the bid and would meet with Executive Councillors.

The importance of engaging with the business community at an early stage to encourage private investment in the redevelopment was noted.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the vision and key themes as agreed by the Executive Board on 20 November 2012 be endorsed and the development of Nottingham Castle be supported;**
- (2) that the integration of the Nottingham Castle development with the regeneration of the wider Castle Quarter area and the City Centre strategies be supported in**

terms of delivering new tourism opportunities, accessibility, new public spaces and appropriate development;

- (3) that a further report be brought to this Committee following the outcome of the Heritage Lottery Fund Bid decision in April 2013.**

Reasons for the decision:

It was necessary to support the redevelopment of Nottingham Castle and the integration of the development within the regeneration of the wider Castle Quarter area and City Centre strategies as failure to do so would result in lost opportunities to boost tourism and income for the City.

Other options considered:

No other options were considered.

19 CITY CENTRE PLACE PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director of Development, copies of which had been circulated, giving details of the draft City Centre Place Plan which made proposals for character Quarters and other spatial areas for development and for other types of special focus. Sue Flack, Director of Planning and Transportation produced copies of the draft City Centre Place Plan for consideration at the meeting.

RESOLVED that the draft City Centre Place Plan be brought back to the next meeting of the this Committee in order to ensure that consultation be appropriately timetabled in relation to other City Centre activities and to allow further work on linking planning and operations.

Reasons for the decision:

It was not considered appropriate to launch the draft Plan immediately. Its release needed to be delayed for a few weeks to co-ordinate it with other City Centre activities and to allow further work to be undertaken.

Other options considered:

Launch the draft Plan immediately. This option was rejected as it would not allow the time necessary for the co-ordinated activity which would result in better outcomes.

20 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the remaining item in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the basis that, having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information as defined in paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

21 CITY CENTRE POLICING

Andy Rooke, Deputy Director of Community Protection updated the Committee on current issues with regard to the policing of the City Centre.

RESOLVED that Andy Rooke be thanked for his presentation.

22 BROAD MARSH CENTE UPDATE

David Bishop, Corporate Director for Development, updated the Committee on the current position with regard to discussions taking place with Capital Shopping Centres in relation to the future of Broad Marsh Centre.