

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE BOARD STRATEGIC REGENERATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 22 July 2014 from 3.00 pm - 3.10 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Graham Chapman
Councillor Jon Collins
Councillor Dave Liversidge
Councillor Nick McDonald
Councillor Jane Urquhart

Absent

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Councillor Alex Ball

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

David Bishop	Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director for Development and Growth
Chris Henning	Director of Economic Development
John Kelly	Corporate Director for Community Services
Stuart Knight	Director of Strategic Asset and Property Management
Rex Littlewood	Director, Gleeds Management Services
Noel McMenamin	Constitutional Services Officer
Rachel Mottram	Executive Officer
Paul Seddon	Head of Development Management and Regeneration
Mike Taylor	Director of Regeneration, NRL
Malcolm Townroe	Head of Legal Services
Geoff Walker	Acting Director of Strategic Finance
Vanessa Ward	Project Manager

Call-in

Unless stated otherwise, all decisions are subject to call-in and cannot be implemented until Tuesday 5 August 2014

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Jon Collins as Chair for the 2014/15 municipal year.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Graham Chapman as Vice-Chair for the 2014/15 municipal year.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Alex Ball (other Council Business)

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

5 TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED to note the Committee's Terms of reference without discussion.

6 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED to agree to meet on the following dates and times:

***(at the rising of Executive Board)**

2014

16 September*
21 October*
17 November at 1pm
16 December at 3pm

2015

20 January*
24 February at 3pm
24 March at 3pm

7 BIOSCIENCE EXPANSION PROJECT

The Committee considered the Leader/Portfolio Holder for Strategic Regeneration and Schools' report to support the expansion of Nottingham's successful bio-science sector through funding the appointment of external specialists, Willmott Dixon, via the SCAPE framework, to develop initial design concepts and cost estimates for a new bio-science facility.

The report also sought approval to progress to the planning submission stage, to finalise the funding arrangement for the facility once the design is finalised and to start the procurement process to secure an operator for the facility.

The City Council is undertaking a separate options appraisal exercise to identify the most appropriate site for the facility.

RESOLVED

- (1) to approve the appointment of Willmott Dixon via the SCAPE national framework to be employed to complete the design of the proposed BioScience building, subject to successfully securing an appropriate site;**

- (2) subject to successfully securing an appropriate site, approve expenditure of £466,000 to progress the project to the planning submission stage, covering the costs of Willmott Dixon and its design team (including, Architect, M&E consultants, Cost consultants) via the SCAPE National framework and the appointment of an internal project team supported by external technical advisors to represent the Council and appointed via the SCAPE Framework or similar compliant procurement route where required;**
- (3) to finalise the funding arrangement for the new BioScience facility;**
- (4) to commence an OJEU compliant procurement process to secure an Operator for the proposed BioScience facility;**
- (5) to delegate authority to award any contract following completion of the process to the Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director of Development and Growth.**

Reasons for Decisions

The bio-science expansion project is a strategically important economic development and regeneration initiative for Nottingham.

The City Council plans to have the facility occupied in early 2016 and to meet this target the proposed design work needs completing before a planning application is submitted in Autumn 2014.

Other options considered

Not progressing the project was rejected as having no new space for the bio-science industry will act as a barrier to growth in Nottingham.

Progressing a larger-scale project was rejected because of the occupation risk to operators, and the financial risk to the City Council if it had to take on the occupation risk itself.

Not appointing an operator was rejected as an independent operator is needed to meet external funding requirements.

8 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the remaining agenda items in accordance with Section 1004(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the basis that, having regards to all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

9 BIOSCIENCE EXPANSION PROJECT - EXEMPT APPENDICES

The Committee considered the exempt appendices to the Leader/Portfolio Holder for Strategic Regeneration and Schools' report.

RESOLVED to note the information contained within the report.

Reasons for decisions

As minute 7 above.

Other options considered

As minute 7 above.