

**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK**

**REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL**

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Regeneration and Development Panel held on Wednesday, 13th July, 2016 at 6.00 pm in the King's Lynn Innovation Centre, Nar Ouse Way, King's Lynn**

**PRESENT:** Councillors P Gidney (Chairman)  
Mrs S Buck, Mrs J Collingham, C Crofts, M Chenery of Horsbrugh, M Howland, P Kunes,  
P Rochford and Mrs E Watson

**Portfolio Holders:** R Blunt and B Long

**Officers:** S Ashworth, C Bamfield, R Harding, O Paparega

**RD16: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no Apologies for absence.

**RD17: MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes from the Regeneration and Development Panel meeting held on 1 June 2016 were agreed as a correct record.

**RD18: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was none.

**RD19: URGENT BUSINESS**

There was none.

**RD20: MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34**

There was no Members present under Standing Order 34.

**RD21: CHAIRMAN'S CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

**RD22: UPDATE ON 5 YEAR LAND SUPPLY**

Assistant Director, S Ashworth reported that there had still not been any decision issued on the Heacham Planning Appeal which would form a ruling on the Council's 5 year land supply. He confirmed that once received, the decision would ensure the Council knew where it stood in relation to the 5 year land supply, and if the Council was found

to lack a 5 year land supply, it would revert to the previous position in relation to determining the planning applications for housing.

In response to Panel questions Councillor Blunt acknowledged that despite having been present during the Appeal and being confident with the quality and depth of evidence presented by the Council, there was always the chance that the appeal would be allowed by the Inspector. Members expressed concern that the Appeal decision would be a deciding factor about new housing growth rather than the Local Plan process.

It was noted that once the Decision was received and considered by officers, it would be presented to the Panel.

**RD23: ENTERPRISE ZONE UPDATE**

The Regeneration and Economic Development Manager provided the Panel with the background to the Enterprise Zone and an update. He confirmed the Council had received interest from both local businesses wishing to move to the Zone and businesses moving from outside the Borough wishing to move to it. The existence of the new KLIC on the site helped to show that it wasn't an empty site. In response to a question on the type of company that was interested in moving to the Zone, it was explained that they included such things as smart technology.

The Chairman thanked the Regeneration and Economic Development Manager for his presentation and invited questions and comments from the Panel.

**RESOLVED:** The update was noted.

**RD24: KING'S LYNN INNOVATION CENTRE UPDATE**

The Panel had received a tour of the new Innovation Centre prior to the meeting which was discussed.

The Chairman expressed concern that the KLIC did not have its own website, so that on googling the term the building and its detail did not come to the forefront. The Regeneration and Economic Development Manager explained that the Centre was owned and run by NWES who ran 20 centres across the region, none of which had their own web site.

Questions were asked about

- the catering arrangements for meetings and businesses on site to which it was explained that catering was brought in as required.
- The building maintenance responsibilities which were the responsibilities of NWES, although they would still be snagging at this stage.

- The role of the Council as lenders on the building in its running arrangements, to which it was clarified that it was solely the role of NWES.

**RESOLVED:** That a Director from NWES be invited to come to a future meeting the Panel to discuss NWES and the KLIC.

RD25: **CIF BUS ROUTE**

The Regeneration and Economic Development Manager informed Members that he had held discussions with the County Council officers to explain that over the coming months a Waterfront Masterplan was being prepared, and any options regarding the future of the route would be considered at that time. Any updates would be brought to the Panel for consideration and comment. In response to comments made he also confirmed that other members would be involved in the consultation.

A discussion ensued on bus trips coming into King's Lynn and the parking arrangements for drop off and pick ups which were generally either at the bus station or Austin Fields. The fact that Eastons coach trips did not come to King's Lynn would be investigated and reported back upon to a future meeting.

The Regeneration and Economic Development Manager was also asked if any work had been carried out on the types of buses present in the town and how they affected traffic flow, to which he confirmed he would not have done but would ascertain from County Council colleagues if any such work had been carried out.

**RESOLVED:** That updates be brought on the Waterfront Masterplan and CIF road as available.

RD26: **ONE PUBLIC ESTATE FUNDING BID**

The Executive Director, Commercial Services presented the report which detailed Norfolk wide funding proposals to be submitted to Cabinet Office. If successful the funding would cover feasibility design and planning costs to take forward the proposals.

The Panel was informed that the Government had launched the One Public Estate programme with the aim of bringing together all public sector bodies within the locality so that data on assets could be pooled together, which could assist with the development of joint plans to share projects and release supplies, land and buildings for other use.

The Chairman thanked the Executive Director, Commercial Services for his report.

**RESOLVED:** The Panel supported the proposed funding bid.

RD27: **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members of the Panel were encouraged to submit items for consideration to the Chairman.

It was agreed that an invitation be extended to an NWES Director to discuss the KLIC.

Waterfront Masterplan update when available and an update to day trip bus activity.

**RESOLVED:** The Panels Work Programme was noted with the additions.

RD28: **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Regeneration and Development Panel was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 6.00pm in the Committee Suite, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn.

**The meeting closed at 6.45 pm**