

## **CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA**

### **MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT CABINET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 5, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON  
WEDNESDAY, 17 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 3.00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillor P Downing (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**

C Anderson  
P M Matthews

**Councillor(s)**

D W Cole  
C Thomas

**Councillor(s)**

P Lloyd  
T M White

**Officer(s)**

Jeff Davison  
Allison Lowe

Strategic Manager Community Safety  
Democratic Services Officer

40 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P B Smith.

41 **DISCLOSURES OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City & County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

42 **MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Development Cabinet Advisory Committee held on 20 January 2016 be approved and signed as a correct record.

43 **CUMULATIVE IMPACT POLICY.**

The Chair reported that the proposed changes to the Cumulative Impact Policy (CIP) had been circulated to the Committee for comment.

Councillor Anderson had commented on the requirement of adequate taxi rank space as part of the CIP. The Chair reported that taxi rank provision was already in the process of being considered as part of the Licensing Policy.

**RESOLVED** that the proposed amendments to the CIP be forwarded to Cabinet for consideration.

44 **PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS.**

The Strategic Manager Community Safety attended to provide an update on the current situation in relation to Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's).

He outlined the powers required in order to make orders as follows:

A local authority may make a public spaces protection order if satisfied on reasonable grounds that two conditions are met.

The first condition is that:

- (a) activities carried on in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, or
- (b) it is likely that activities will be carried on in a public place within that area and that they will have such an effect.

The second condition is that the effect, or likely effect, of the activities:

- (a) is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature,
- (b) is, or is likely to be, such as to make the activities unreasonable, and
- (c) justifies the restrictions imposed by the notice.

Therefore a multi-agency approach, which would include the Police and the Local Authority would be required in order to obtain a PSPO. The Police's role would include the collation and collection of evidence via incident reporting together with enforcement of the notice. The Local Authority would be able to "delegate authority" to a relevant Head of Service in order to exercise and ensure that certain functions are carried out by officers at an appropriate grade.

A PSPO should only be considered if all other attempts to resolve a particular problem had been considered. In addition, lessons should be learned from unsuccessful orders made by other Local Authorities.

As the case in Murrison had eventually been dealt with via criminal law, the requirement for a PSPO had not advanced further. The Committee expressed concern at this information. The Chair subsequently requested a written explanation from the Sector Inspector at Murrison Police Station outlining the reasons why the Police did not feel a PSPO would be appropriate for the area.

A joint event between Neath Port Talbot and Swansea was scheduled for 25 February 2016 whereby all the relevant partners would be considering PSPO's as a whole. An invitation to attend was extended to all Members of the Committee.

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1) Members inform The Strategic Manager Community Safety if they wish to attend the event on 25 February 2016;
- 2) The Sector Inspector at Murrison Police Station be requested to provide a written explanation outlining the reasons why the Police did not feel a PSPO would be appropriate for the area;
- 3) The Strategic Manager Community Safety provide a further update to the Committee in due course.

45 **OPEN SPACES STRATEGY.**

The Chair reported that given the need to establish an Open Spaces Strategy it was appropriate to hold a Special Development Cabinet Advisory Committee each month.

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1) The Special Meetings will be held at 10.00 am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month and will be in addition to the pre-arranged Development Cabinet Advisory Committee meetings;
- 2) A Special Development Cabinet Advisory Committee be held on Wednesday, 24 February 2016 at 10 am in Committee Room 3b, Guildhall.

46 **UPDATES FROM CHAIR.**

The Chair reported that following meetings with the relevant Cabinet Members, the Committee would be required to consider the following items:

- 1) Provision of a Public Toilet in Swansea Market;
- 2) Housing Estates Containing Unadopted (Private) Streets;
- 3) Pedestrianisation of Wind Street;
- 4) Recycling - Pink Bag Trial;
- 5) Waste Management.

47 **WORKPLAN.**

**RESOLVED** that:

- 1) The Special Committee scheduled for 24 February 2016 focus on Open Spaces Strategy;
- 2) The Committee scheduled for 16 March 2016 receive reports on the following issues:
  - Public Space Protection Orders;
  - Provision of a Public Toilet in Swansea market;
  - Waste Management.
- 3) The following items be considered at future meetings:
  - Feedback on Regional District Shopping Centres – second visit to Morriston;
  - Housing Estates Containing Unadopted (Private) Streets;
  - Pedestrianisation of Wind Street;
  - Recycling - Pink Bag Trial.

The meeting ended at 3.58 pm

**CHAIR**