

## **CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA**

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

**HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 3A, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON  
WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2016 AT 10.00 AM**

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

**Councillor(s)**

C Anderson  
P M Matthews

**Councillor(s)**

C R Doyle  
P B Smith

**Councillor(s)**

P Lloyd  
T M White

**Officer(s)**

Ian Beynon  
Stephen Cable  
Allison Lowe  
Mark Russ  
Jacki Rees Thomas

Development & Outreach Manager  
Children's Play Officer  
Democratic Services Officer  
Park Services Manager  
Play Development Worker

69 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D W Cole and C Thomas and Andrew McTaggart.

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

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

71 **OPEN SPACES STRATEGY**

Ian Beynon, Development & Outreach Manager presented the updated Draft Open Space Strategy for Swansea.

The Committee were fully supportive with the contents of the draft Strategy; however discussions regarding strengthening the Strategy centred on the following:

- Whether to include allotments, cemeteries, other open civic spaces / beaches within the current provision. It was agreed to include allotments, due to the duty to provide a sufficient number of allotments and cemeteries should be promoted as places utilised for activities such as walking where alternative provision was not available.
- Proposed / planned parks and school playing fields were not included. It was noted that a number of play areas were not currently accessible.

- Consider the implications for including the use of school playgrounds to increase accessibility for local residents and encourage greater use.
- The Open Space Standards had been provided based on the Open Spaces Assessment, however it was noted this section may require slight amendments.
- Agreed that the Strategy would set out a vision up to 2025 and would link in with the Local Development Plan.
- An Equality Impact Assessment would also need to be included to reflect the needs of children and young people and promote the benefits of Wellbeing / Healthy Living, etc.
- Consideration be given as to whether reference be made in respect of the criteria for Village Green Applications within the Strategy or action plan.
- Reference should be made to the Action Plan within the Strategy document.

**AGREED that:**

- 1) The Development & Outreach Manager finalise the section on “Promoting biodiversity and nature conservation” in conjunction with colleagues in the Nature Conservation Team.
- 2) The Development & Outreach Manager and & the Children’s Play Officer prepare the Equality Impact Assessment information for the next meeting.
- 3) The Development & Outreach Manager research good practice and case studies from other Local Authorities and include relevant content in the Strategy document.
- 4) A further Special Development Cabinet Advisory Committee be scheduled in June / July to review the final Open Spaces Strategy in advance of submission to the Cabinet Member.

The meeting ended at 10.35 am

**CHAIR**