



City and County of Swansea

Notice of Meeting

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

Economy & Infrastructure Policy Development Committee

At: Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

On: Thursday, 21 June 2018

Time: 2.00 pm

Chair: Councillor Mandy Evans

Membership:

Councillors: P Downing, P R Hood-Williams, O G James, P K Jones, M A Langstone, W G Lewis, P Lloyd, P M Matthews and T M White

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Huw Evans

Huw Evans
Head of Democratic Services
Thursday, 14 June 2018

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City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Economy & Infrastructure Policy Development and Delivery Committee**

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Thursday, 12 April 2018 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor V M Evans (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

N J Davies
O G James
P Lloyd

Councillor(s)

L S Gibbard
J W Jones
T M White

Councillor(s)

P R Hood-Williams
W G Lewis

Officer(s):

Martin Nicholls
Lisa Wells

Director of Place
City Centre Manager

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): S M Jones and P M Matthews

42 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

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

43 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Economy and Infrastructure Policy Development & Delivery Committee held on 8 March, 2018, be approved as a correct record.

44 Wind Street Pedestrianisation Feasibility Study.

The City Centre Manager provided the background to the feasibility study in relation to the Pedestrianisation of Wind Street and introduced the authors of the study, Mr O Davies and Mr E Smith, Owen Davies Consulting, Element Urbanism.

Mr O Davies and Mr I Smith provided an informative presentation which detailed:

- Programme
- Activity to Date
- Reviewed Key Factors
- Heritage and Landscape
- Activity and Uses
- Quiet Days and Eventful Nights

- Business Deliveries
- Security Vehicle Mitigation
- Influence of Other Developments
- Challenges
- Scheme Objectives
- Key Requirements
- The Site (access from the South/North)
- Trees: Benefits and Impacts
- Sun Path Analysis
- Tree Shading
- Road Alignment
- The Site (one way, existing layout etc)
- Public Spaces
- Loading and Parking
- Existing
- Realigned and Reduced Carriageway
- Shared Surface
- Identity – Street Components
- Materials
- Furniture
- Lighting Features
- Miscellaneous
- Options to Examine

It was noted that Option 2 (i.e develop a one way system, infill the loadings bays and narrow the existing highway to unlock additional space for pedestrians) was the preferred option.

In response to Members' questions, the Consultants stated that:

- Proprietors would require a permit to allow the citing of sandwich board advertisements, outside sitting/standing and boundary splits between respective venues. This would provide more control and management of the outside areas.
- It was imperative to make Wind Street more attractive to a wide variety of people, whilst not losing the late night offer. This would require a culture change.
- The project is not in isolation of other Schemes within the City Centre (e.g., Purple Flag etc). Business need to take responsibility and research indicates that patrons sitting and eating tend to drink less alcohol than those standing. Conditions could be applied to establishments to assist in the development of the reputation of Wind Street. Many of the current operators within Wind Street are chain establishments, operating throughout the UK, thus bringing good practice in the management of their establishments.
- Some properties have not been maintained due to disposal strategies (e.g., Idols), however, the project may encourage proprietors to refurbish and re-develop in line with the other establishments within Wind Street.

- The hours of traffic closure within Wind Street was yet to be agreed and consideration would need to be given to business' operational requirements such as timings of deliveries and the potential of a public inquiry.
- There is a possibility that problems associated with anti-social behaviour could be migrated to other parts of the City.
- The heritage of the area (both the buildings and the presence of the Castle) was powerful and should be celebrated.
- The reintroduction of the former statute (as detailed in historical photographs of Wind Street) could be an opportunity.
- The study was not constrained by costs.
- The current paving could be used for the new project.
- The project could be delivered in stages.

The Chair thanked the Consultants for their informative presentation.

The City Centre Manager stated that there was no allocated budget for the Pedestrianisation of Wind Street. However, should the project be delivered in stages, opportunities may exist within current budgets and various funding streams.

The Director of Place sought the Committee's views in relation to the options.

Resolved that:

- 1) The Chair email Committee Members requesting views no later than Friday, 20 April, 2018;
- 2) The Democratic Services Officer circulated a copy of the presentation.

45 Workplan 2017/2018.

The Chair stated that there were outstanding issues for consideration on the workplan and sought views regarding a further meeting.

Resolved that a special meeting be convened on Tuesday, 24 April, 2018 to consider:

- 1) Member Feedback - Feasibility Study - Pedestrianisation of Wind Street
- 2) Economy and Infrastructure PDDC – Position Statement – End of Year 2017/2018
- 3) Economy and Infrastructure PDDC Workplan – 2018/2019

The meeting ended at 3.27 pm

Chair



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Economy & Infrastructure Policy Development and Delivery Committee**

Council Chamber - Guildhall, Swansea

Tuesday, 24 April 2018 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor N J Davies (Vice Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

N J Davies
S M Jones
T M White

Councillor(s)

L S Gibbard
W G Lewis

Councillor(s)

O G James
P M Matthews

Officer(s)

Caritas Adere
Gareth Borsden
Martin Nicholls

Senior Lawyer
Democratic Services Officer
Director of Place

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): V M Evans, J W Jones and P Lloyd

46 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

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

47 Member Feedback - Feasibility Study - Pedestrianisation of Wind Street.

The Vice Chair thanked those Members who had submitted comments via e mail to the Chair, following the presentation and discussion at the last meeting.

He indicated that Members could still submit their views/comments via e mail to himself or the Chair, and these would be forwarded onto Lisa Wells.

Councillors T M White & L S Gibbard spoke further to the comments they had submitted electronically and referred to the following areas: possibility of a site visit/walkabout in the area, support of day time pedestrianisation and single lane option, better promotion of wind street, issues around street furniture, litter collections, "greening" of the area, making more of the history and architecture of the locality.

Councillor S M Jones outlined the potential for greater greening and floral enhancements in the area.

48 Annual Report for 2017/18 Work Programme.

The Director of Place presented an overview report which summarised the wide ranging topics examined and discussed by the Committee during the past municipal year.

These included the following areas:

- City Deal Overview;
- Citizen's Card;
- Wind Street Pedestrianisation;
- River Corridor;
- Future Transportation Strategy & Housing;
- Housing in the City Centre;
- Swansea Bay City Deal;
- Swansea and the City Region;
- Co-operative Housing.

Members indicated that whilst they welcomed the wide range of topics and subjects covered during the past year and indicated that they would like updates/progress reports on each of the above subject areas during the next municipal year, a more detailed and clearer focus needs to be given to certain more specific topic areas, in order to progress and conclude matters and produce reports.

Resolved that the annual report be noted, and the workplan for 2018/2019 reflect the issues highlighted above.

49 Economy & Infrastructure PDDC - Workplan - 2018/2019.

The Vice Chair indicated that further to the feedback and discussion at Minute 48 (above), all the items highlighted above be added to the Workplan for updates during the municipal year.

Members discussed further the areas outlined below and highlighted them for potential more in depth investigation by the committee or possible task and finish groups during the year:

- Wind Street Pedestrianisation;(update to June meeting)
- Citizen Card proposals;
- Out of Town Shopping Areas;
- Disability Issues;
- River Corridor;
- Green Fleet;
- Green Infrastructure Policy.

The Vice Chair indicated he would discuss the matters and topics raised above with the Chair prior to the next meeting.

Resolved that the matters outlined above (and in Minute 48) be added to workplan for discussion at the first meeting of the Committee in June .

The meeting ended at 2.50 pm

Chair



City and County of Swansea

**Minutes of the Economy & Infrastructure Policy
Development Committee**

Council Chamber - Guildhall, Swansea

Thursday, 24 May 2018 at 4.44 pm

Present:

Councillor(s)

P Downing
O G James
W G Lewis
T M White

Councillor(s)

V M Evans
P K Jones
P Lloyd

Councillor(s)

P R Hood-Williams
M A Langstone
P M Matthews

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): Nil

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- 1 To suspend Council Procedure Rule 12 "Chair of Meetings" in order to allow the Presiding Member to preside over the under mentioned agenda items.**

Resolved that Procedure Rule 12 be suspended in order to allow the Presiding Member to preside over this meeting.

(Councillor D W Thomas presided)

- 2 To elect a Chair for the Municipal Year 2018 - 2019.**

Resolved that Councillor V M Evans be elected Chair for the 2018-2019 Municipal Year.

(Councillor V M Evans presided)

- 3 To elect a Vice-Chair for the Municipal Year 2018 - 2019.**

Resolved that Councillor P Downing be elected Vice-Chair for the 2018-2019 Municipal Year.

- 4 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.**

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

The meeting ended at 4.46 pm

Chair

Policy Development Committees (PDCs) - Terms of Reference

There are 5 Committees:

- 1) Education Improvement;
- 2) Economy & Infrastructure;
- 3) People Service;
- 4) Poverty Reduction;
- 5) Future Council.

Purpose:

The PDCs are committees of Council with the purpose of development of the Council's Corporate Policies for consideration and adoption by Cabinet and / or Council as appropriate.

Membership & Frequency of Meetings:

- 1) Non-Executive Members are eligible to be members of the PDCs;
- 2) Executive (Cabinet) Members are **not** eligible to be members of the PDC's;
- 3) Frequency of meetings is a matter for the Chair depending on workload; however, it is anticipated that formal Committee meetings shall be held monthly or as dictated by the work plan. In addition to formal Committee meetings, Informal Working Groups may be undertaken, if the work plan dictates;
- 4) Chairs of the PDCs will meet to co-ordinate agendas and work plans to ensure consistency and that there is no duplication in work.

Role and Framework:

The role of the PDC is to:

- 1) Have a work plan shared with the relevant Cabinet Member;
- 2) Focus on policy development & delivery by in depth analysis of policy issues and consider future policy development with reference to the Corporate Plan;
- 3) Make a report and/or recommendation to the Cabinet Member / Cabinet / Council in connection with work undertaken;
- 4) Consider mechanisms to encourage and enhance public participation in development of policy and policy options;
- 5) Work with Senior Officers in a Team Swansea approach to deliver key corporate priorities; and
- 6) Consider and where appropriate to invite relevant organisations / individuals to contribute to policy development discussions.

Relationship with Scrutiny:

- 1) The role of the PDC is distinct from the Council's scrutiny function of holding to account, questioning and challenging proposed decisions, monitoring the performance of services, and tackling issues of concern through inquiries or one-off meetings (which may relate to a broad range of policy / service areas).
- 2) PDCs may refer any issues arising out of their role to the Scrutiny Programme Committee for further consideration / investigation and vice-versa.
- 3) The PDC Chair will also consider whether any matter under consideration should be referred to the Scrutiny Programme Committee.
- 4) PDCs and the Scrutiny Programme Committee should ensure awareness of each other's work programmes and consider whether there is any issue of duplication. The Scrutiny Programme Committee should consider relevant advice but has autonomy on decisions about the scrutiny work programme.

Support:

- 1) The Democratic Services Team shall provide the relevant support to the Policy Development Committees.
- 2) The Director, Head of Service, or nominated relevant Officer will provide work plan support and research and produce reports as appropriate.

