

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 B Smith

Councillor(s)

C R Doyle
T M White

Councillor(s)

P Lloyd

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 **was** given as to whether reference be made in respect of the criteria for Village Green Applications within the Strategy or action plan. **It was agreed that this would be referenced in the 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) **In the Introduction the Development & Outreach Manager to amend current statement to read, “Outline and advise on good practice and case studies from across the Country”**
- 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