



City and County of Swansea

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

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Thursday, 8 March 2018 at 2.00 pm

Present: Councillor V M Evans (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

N J Davies
M A Langstone
P M Matthews

Councillor(s)

P R Hood-Williams
W G Lewis
T M White

Councillor(s)

O G James
P Lloyd

Officer(s)

G Bacon
M Nicholls
L Wells
S Woon

Interim Head of Property Services
Director of Place
City Centre Manager
Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): L S Gibbard, S M Jones and J W Jones

37 Disclosures of Personal & Prejudicial Interests.

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

38 Minutes:

Resolved that the Minutes of the Economy and Infrastructure Policy Development & Delivery Committee held on 11 January, 2018, be approved and signed as a correct record.

39 Wind Street Pedestrianisation.

The City Centre Manager, provided an update in respect of Wind Street Pedestrianisation.

Members noted the background to the Scheme.

Progress had been positive, in so far as consultants had been engaged and a work plan developed. The work plan comprised of three stages: (i) the business planning process including research and analysis (ii) design(iii) refinement/costing and feasibility of funds.

The City Centre Manager stated that stage 1 was nearing completion and a work shop involving Councillors and Officers had been successful.

The feasibility study would be completed and reported to the Committee by the end of April/beginning of May 2018.

In response to Member questions, the City Centre Manager stated that:

- Decisions in relation to funding will be made when the feasibility study has been completed. Consideration will be given to raising funds via BID, 106 agreements and European funding options;
- Consultation will take place with the Disability Liaison Group who will make representations in terms of what their preferences would be;
- Consultants had been tasked with examining options in terms of Caer Street and Castle Square;
- Local businesses within Wind Street had stated that there would be economic benefits as a result of pedestrianisation of Wind Street;
- A key factor was the differential between the day time and night time economy. A strategy would be developed seeking to promote diversification of premises and move away from the 'high volume drinking establishments';
- The Police are generally supportive of Pedestrianisation;

The Chair thanked the City Centre Manager for her informative presentation.

Resolved that Wind Street Pedestrianisation be scheduled for the meeting on 12 April, 2018.

40 Co-operative Housing - Geoff Bacon.

The Property Manager presented a report on Swansea Council Co-operative Housing.

He detailed the background, rationale, development of the schemes, grass roots, existing community organisations, top down meets bottom up and support available to Swansea Council.

In response to Member questions, the Property Manager stated that:

- The terms of reference would be examined;
- Specific strategies will be developed to safeguard 'grass roots' organisations;
- Tenants would have less protection than a 'Housing Act' tenancy;
- In terms of a responsibilities, the Co-operative will have clear rights and responsibilities;

The Property Manager reported that the next stages would be to gain internal opinion on the first pilot approach on a 'top down, bottom up' basis and decide on registered social landlord partner and location. A Council Policy could then be developed on co-operative housing.

The Chair thanked the Property Manager for his informative presentation.

Resolved that the Property Manager provide a progress update to the Committee in May 2018.

41 Workplan 2017/2018.

The Chair introduced the work plan 2017/18.

The Director of Place referred to the Green Fleet item and suggested that this could form part of the work plan for 2018/2019 municipal year.

The Director of Place referred to the City Deal and Future Transportation Strategy.

Resolved that:

- 1) Wind Street Pedestrianisation Feasibility Study be scheduled for 12 April 2018;
- 2) Future Transportation Strategy be scheduled for a special meeting in May 2018 meeting;
- 3) A position statement report on the Committee's work be submitted in May 2018.

The meeting ended at 2.59 pm

Chair