

**JOINT MEETING CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND
ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate
Street, Rotherham**

Date: Monday, 15 January 2007

Time: 10.00 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.
3. Minutes of previous meeting held on 6th November, 2006 (Pages 1 - 4)
4. Crystal Mark
- Tracy Holmes to give verbal report
5. Planning Policy Statement No. 22 - Renewable Energy (Pages 5 - 7)
6. Secured by Design (Pages 8 - 10)
7. Future Agenda Items
Action plans be submitted to a future meeting, including timescales, for:-
 - (i) the intention to develop an affordable housing interim planning statement in readiness for the LDF
 - (ii) the intention to develop an Affordable Housing Communication Strategy
 - (iii) the intention to develop a Neighbourhoods Asset Management Strategy be noted.

Progress report on the Enviro-Crime Strategy (May, 2007)

Role of Member Champions

Recycling – Bin Collections
8. Date of Next Meeting
- to be agreed

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6th November, 2006**

Present:- Councillor Ellis (in the Chair); Councillors Kaye, Smith, Hall, Robinson, Walker, Pickering, R. S. Russell and Boyes.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor P. A. Russell.

7. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 2nd October, 2006 be received as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillor Robinson as being in attendance.

8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Housing Solutions Officer reported that the lack of affordable housing is a national issue with the national average house price costing seven times average incomes. The 2003 Sustainable Communities Plan laid out the policy context for delivering affordable housing in a way that puts the needs of communities first. Inclusion of Rotherham Neighbourhoods in the South Yorkshire Housing Market Renewal Pathfinder gives heightened importance to the need to deliver balanced communities through use of tenure.

The paper submitted sought to deliver balanced communities through developing an Interim Planning Statement to assist with s106, through developing new tools for those seeking intermediate housing and through proposing a strategic approach to the release of Council owned sites.

Detailed information was set out in the paper in respect of :-

- the background to adoption of the affordable housing policy
- housing needs information
- income data and affordability
- special needs housing
- operational delivery of affordable housing
- the approved development programme
- Section 106 delivery and consultancy
- tracking of affordable housing delivery
- affordable housing communication Action Plan
- the funding required for affordable housing enabling initiatives

Also highlighted in the paper submitted were the risks and uncertainties should the actions proposed be not progressed.

Subsequent discussions/comments made reference to:-

- (a) Key choices and membership eligibility

- (b) how problems in local areas were identified and assessed particularly in respect of low income families
- (c) affordable housing and shared ownership issues
- (d) achieving the target number of affordable units to be built
- (e) minimum standards for size of rooms in affordable houses and market housing
- (f) the effect of rising house prices on affordable housing and implications for housing developers and the mortgage situation
- (g) the procedure for the affordable housing planning process and officers involved in the process
- (h) how planning closely monitors details submitted by developers in respect of affordable housing
- (i) the need to share good practice between local authorities

Resolved:- (1) That the actions being taken to achieve year on year increases in the number of affordable units built be noted.

(2) That the intention to develop an affordable housing interim planning statement in readiness for the LDF be noted.

(3) That the Regional Housing Board/HIP spend for affordable housing enabling be noted.

(4) That the intention to develop an Affordable Housing Communication Strategy be noted.

(5) That the intention to develop affordable home loans be noted.

(6) That the intention to develop a Neighbourhoods Asset Management Strategy be noted.

(7) That the need to include Affordable Housing in the priority matrix for the Corporate Asset Management Strategy be supported.

(8) That action plans for 2, 4, 5 and 6 above be submitted to a future meeting of this group, the action plan to include timescales.

(9) That information be submitted on the present housing market situation with an overview of what has been delivered to date in communities.

9. AFFORDABLE HOUSING SECURED THROUGH PLANNING PERMISSIONS

The Forward Planning Officer gave an update on the amount of affordable housing secured through planning permissions since the introduction of Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on affordable housing.

The report submitted included a table which set out the permissions granted that included affordable housing provision since the adoption of the SPG. The tables were split to show those within and outside the HMR Pathfinder area and to show which were submitted prior to the adoption of the SPG.

The additions and alterations to the table compared to the previous table were highlighted.

Clarification was given relating to the exact location of some developments, particularly in respect of Manvers (Express Parks) West Melton and the Bramley area.

Resolved:- (a) That the contents of the report be noted.

(b) That future reports included more specific information in respect of the areas of developments.

10. ENVIRO CRIME STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT

The Neighbourhood Enforcement Manager presented a report which highlights the progress made against the milestones and targets contained within the Enviro-Crime Strategy that was approved by Cabinet Members for Economic Regeneration and Development Services and Neighbourhoods at the joint meeting on 27th March, 2006.

The Enviro-Crime Strategy is recognised as a critical element in the Council's holistic approach to tackling anti-social behaviour across the Borough. The progress identified within the report submitted detailed the significant delivery of education, campaigning and enforcement that has been made over the past six months.

The key priorities and objectives of the strategy were set out in the report along with the key achievements.

Comments on the strategy made reference to :-

- the extent of involvement of area assemblies
- the possibility of repeating the presentations given to members in September and October
- the success rate of cases taken through court relating to anti-social

behaviour

- the need to inform local councillors when presentations on the strategy are given to schools

Resolved:- (a) That the positive progress taken to deliver the Enviro-Crime Strategy and the continued zero tolerance approach to related Anti-Social Behaviour be noted.

(b) That the delivery of a further progress report on the Enviro-Crime Strategy be submitted in six months.

(c) That arrangements be made for all members to receive a paper on the presentations given in September and October, 2006.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was agreed that future agenda items be :-

Planning Policy Statement No. 22
Security by Design
Crystal Mark
Modernisation of Regulatory Services
Recycling concerns re Bin collections

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Agreed:- That the next meeting take place on Monday 15th January, 2007 at 10.00 a.m.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

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| Meeting: | JOINT MEETING CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES |
| Date: | Monday, 15 January 2007 |
| Title: | PPS22 – Renewable Energy |
| Programme Area: | Economic and Development Services |

5. Summary

This report is to inform Members about the implications for the planning service resulting from Planning Policy Statement 22: Renewable Energy. PPS22 sets out the Government's policies for renewable energy, which planning authorities should have regard to when preparing local development documents and when taking planning decisions.

6. Recommendations

That the report be noted

7. Proposals and Details

The Government target is that by 2010 the country should be generating 10% of its electricity from renewable sources, with the aspiration that this should increase to 20% by 2020. Current estimates of production are around 3%.

Planning Policy Statement 22 (PPS22) and the Companion Guide are intended to encourage the appropriate development of further renewable energy schemes throughout England. This will include schemes in urban as well as rural areas, ranging from the domestic to commercial scale. The planning system can only deliver sufficient additional renewable energy schemes to meet the shortfall if positive planning policies are in place.

PPS22 sets out the policy context for action while the Companion Guide offers practical advice as to how these policies can be achieved on the ground. Coordinated action at both regional and local level with regards to strategic/forward planning and development control will be required to achieve success.

For the government's targets to be met a greater range of renewable energy schemes will need to be developed in a wider variety of locations than in the past. The Companion Guide will assist planners, regional and local decision makers and other stakeholders to understand the complexities of the different technologies and their application in different environments.

Sub-regional minimum targets for renewable energy generation have been set in the Regional Spatial Strategy, South Yorkshire's being ??????. All Local Development Frameworks in South Yorkshire will contain criteria based policies to ensure that the minimum targets are reached, and preferably exceeded. Some of these could be "Merton" style policies which require developments to incorporate a percentage of renewable energy generation on site towards meeting power needs

8. Finance

There are no financial implications associated with producing renewable energy policies for the Local Development Framework, however there will be future costs to the council in adhering to those policies in future building works.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

None

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Sustainable Development

Policies derived from this guidance will ensure that new development is more sustainable

Equalities and Diversity

None

Regeneration

There is Jobs potential in the manufacture and installation of renewable energy equipment.

Health

Renewable energy should result in cleaner air. There are some concerns that wind generation can affect health but there is no scientific proof of this.

Protecting vulnerable people:

Renewable energy generation can help to reduce fuel poverty

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Planning Policy Statement 22: Renewable Energy

Planning for Renewable Energy, A Companion Guide to PPS22

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| Meeting: | JOINT MEETING CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES |
| Date: | Monday, 15 January 2007 |
| Title: | Secured By Design |
| Programme Area: | Economic and Development Services |

5. Summary

Secured by Design initiative, fully backed by the Association of Chief Police Officers and the Home Office, is aimed at the development industry to actively encourage it to adopt important guidelines to upgrade the security of new buildings against crime and fire safety. The principles of Secured by design are endorsed by the Planning and Transportation Service and the Safer Rotherham Partnership.

6. Recommendations

That the report be noted

7. Proposals and Details

The "Secured By Design" campaign was launched in London in June 1989 and was promoted to reduce incidence of crime through good design. Developments that meet the specific criteria qualify for the free use of the Secured by Design logo, which can be a major selling tool. Car parks are probably the most noticeable examples of Secured by Design in action. Within new developments the following actions can all help to reduce the fear of crime:

- Orientation of buildings to increase overlooking of public areas;
- Position of doors and windows to avoid concealed entrances;
- Avoid secluded footpaths
- Avoid landscaping that will create blind areas/ allow concealment;
- Provide gates to give secure private areas;
- Ensure good lighting;
- Avoid easy access to upstairs windows from flat roofs, walls etc.

8. Finance

There are no financial implications for the planning service, however there may be future costs to the council in adhering to these design principles in future building works.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

None

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Sustainable Development

Developments awarded Secured by Design status will be more sought after, giving the area a positive and sustainable image

Equalities and Diversity

None

Regeneration

Improved security will make developments more attractive

Health

Reducing the fear of crime will have a beneficial impact on health

Protecting vulnerable people:

Secured by Design is particularly beneficial to the vulnerable sections of the community.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

www.homeoffice.gov.uk

Home Office Briefing note 7/00 An Evaluation of Secured by Design housing within West Yorkshire.

HM Government – National Community Plan 2006 – 2009.

Safer Places – The Planning system and Crime (ODPM)

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