

COUNCIL SEMINAR
4th July, 2017

Present:- Councillor Lelliott (in the Chair); Councillors Atkin, Buckley, Cooksey, Elliott, Fenwick-Green, Jarvis, Khan, McNeely, Marriott, Napper, Reeder, Short, Taylor, John Turner, Walsh and Wyatt.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Albiston, Clark, Elliott, Ellis, Pitchley, Simpson and Watson.

TRANSPORT INTERCHANGE

Councillor Lelliott, Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy and Chair, welcomed Ian Ashmore, Manager, Transportation, Highways and Design, and the following representatives from South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive:-

Ben Gilligan, Director of Public Transport
Gavin Bland, Principal Project Manager
Rachel Cowling, Communications Officer – External Relations

With the aid of a powerpoint presentation, a brief overview of the Rotherham Transport Interchange refurbishment was given as follows:-

Background

- Car park built in late 1960s, refurbished in 1995 and passed over to SYPTE to maintain
- Structural repairs required
- Entrance bridge replaced in 2012 with planning permission granted in 2013 for a refurbishment
- Alternative development options considered but not progressed due to the lack of funding

Fire 15th May 2016 at 10.50 p.m.

- Fire started on board a single decker bus - Interchange re-opened 21st May 2016 but Stand A6 has been out of action since

Refurbishment

- Opportunity to address car park repairs and modernise Interchange at the same time
- Consultation sessions with customers during May
- SYPTE had identified what works could be delivered within the funds available

Proposals included

- Refurbished car park with new external cladding
- Lighter environment
- New CCTV
- Refurbished fixtures and fittings

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- New ceiling cladding
- Opening up of 'C' platform
- New information provision
- An overall more welcoming environment

Discussion ensued with the following issues raised/clarified:-

- Given the recent issues with regard to cladding, there needed to be clear and explicit information available of the materials that would be used in the refurbishment
- The need for a visible security presence in the Interchange
- Ensure that all staff were first aid trained
- Ward Councillors should be kept informed
- Work was taking place with the Architect and Building Control to ensure compliance with Building and Fire Regulations in relation to the materials used
- Departure charges paid by bus companies for use of the Interchange calculated upon the number of departures
- Comments made by the Youth Cabinet had been taken into consideration within the proposals
- The second entrance canopy option reflected the railway station and Riverside House frontages
- Discussions were still taking place with regard to sprinkler systems
- There was a CCTV camera operator based in the bus station as well as use of the resources in Sheffield
- Consideration was being given to the installation of solar panels on the upper half of the car park resulting in it being closed off to the public and hopefully providing anti-suicide barriers
- Suggested erection of signage advising of the Samaritans contact number
- Allowance within the costings for the provision of electric charging points

The Chair thanked Members for their attendance and Ian, Ben, Gavin and Rachel for their presentation.