

CABINET MEMBER FOR REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT
7th February, 2011

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillor Walker (Senior Adviser), Councillors Dodson, Pickering and Swift.

G98. VALIDATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS REVISED LOCAL LIST

Further to Minute No. 236 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development held on 4th April, 2008, consideration was given to a report, presented by Nigel Hancock, Planning Delivery Manager, detailing the revised local list of requirements to be submitted with all planning applications.

A brief background was given and reference was made to the Government's revised policy on the information which must be provided in support of planning applications. It was pointed out that where a local authority already had a published list, as in Rotherham, then this should be reviewed.

The policy statement on information requirements and validation set out five principles and these had informed the review and the preparation of the revised list. The revised document, which had been out for public consultation for a period of 16 weeks, was attached to the submitted report at Appendix 1.

Details of the changes between the revised list and the previous list were set out in the submitted report.

Members present raised the following issues:-

- coalmining risk assessment now issued by the Coal Authority
- membership of the Planning Board
- Ward representation
- availability of this revised list to Parish Councils

Resolved:- That the proposed revised local validation list, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report now reported, be approved.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITEM 1 ON THE AGENDA THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS CONSIDERED IN THE OPEN SECTION OF THE MEETING, HAVING PREVIOUSLY BEEN CLASSIFIED AS BEING EXEMPT.

G99. PROGRESS REPORT FOR RAWMARSH CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE

Further to Minute No. 79 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Environment held on 29th November, 2010, consideration was given to a report, presented by the Design and Projects Manager, updating the Cabinet Member on the progress of the Rawmarsh Customer Service Centre, funding and programme.

Reference was made to the tendering and evaluation processes, and to the award of the contract to Henry Boot Construction Ltd from within the team of Asset Management strategic contractor partners.

It was noted that the enabling work had already been completed in preparation for the main development and work had commenced on site on 31st January, 2011. The Centre was due for completion in January 2012 with a proposed operational date of March 2012.

Details of the partner composition of the scheme, together with a summary of the construction budget breakdown, were set out in the report.

Reference was made to the value of involving patient panels in joint PCT/Council developments.

Resolved:- (1) That the current position be noted.

(2) That the Design and Projects Manager notes the comment in respect of more patient involvement.

G100. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved:- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) [financial/business affairs].

G101. SCHOOL TRAVEL PLANS PROCUREMENT OF CYCLE TRAINING TERM CONTACT FOR 2011-2015

Further to Minute No. 11 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development held on 12th June, 2009, consideration was given to a report, presented by the Transportation Unit Manager, seeking approval for the re-tendering of a contract to provide Bikeability cycle skills training for schools in Rotherham.

It was pointed out that the current contract expired at the end of March 2011 and it was proposed therefore to retender to ensure continuity of training provision and to secure the best service provision and value for money.

Reference was made to Government and DfT announcements re: the Local Sustainable Transport Fund and to Rotherham's successful track record in delivering cycle training which had resulted in the DfT's verbal advice (pending confirmation) of grant funding similar to that granted in 2010/11.

Those present were advised that bearing in mind current staffing and funding issues the option of bringing cycle training in-house was being examined along with the option to deliver the training on a South Yorkshire wide basis.

Appendix A to the submitted report set out details of current providers expressing interest to tender for the 2011-15 Cycle Training Contract.

Members present commented on:-

- Road safety initiatives linked with the Police and schools
- SNT's on bikes that had been funded from Area Assemblies' devolved budgets
- Accreditation
- Number of children going to school on their bikes
- Secure and safe facilities at schools for bikes
- Views of Governing Bodies
- Investment and training needed to provide cycle training in-house
- Mandatory and advisory cycle lanes and shared use pedestrian/cycle paths
- Town centre TRO and bylaw
- Cycle access to and through the town centre
- Provision of bike shelters and cycle racks in the town centre
- Mobility scooters in the town centre
- Designation of footpaths

Resolved:- That the tendering of a 4 year contract for the provision of Bikeability cycle training from April 2011 to March 2015 be approved.