

Joint Strategic Growth Implementation Committee Meeting
4th November 2009
Kreis Viersen Room, Shire Hall, Cambridge

Committee Members:

Name

Sir David Trippier (SDT)	Cambridgeshire Horizons
Alex Plant (AP)	Cambridgeshire Horizons
John Onslow (JO)	Cambridgeshire Horizons
Cllr Dr David Bard (DB)	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr Ray Manning (RM)	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr Sebastian Kindersley (SK)	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr Roy Pegram (RP)	Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr Tony Orgee (TO)	Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr Nichola Harrison (NH)	Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr Sian Reid (SR)	Cambridge City Council
Cllr Ian Nimmo-Smith (INS)	Cambridge City Council
Cllr Lewis Herbert (LH)	Cambridge City Council

APOLOGIES:

John Onslow	Cambridgeshire Horizons
Cllr Lewis Herbert	Cambridge City Council
Cllr Roy Pegram	Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr Nichola Harrison	Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr Sebastian Kindersley	South Cambridgeshire District Council

SUBSTITUTES:

None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Graham Hughes (GH)	Cambridgeshire County Council
Peter Studdert (PS)	Joint Planning Director
Simon Payne (SP)	Cambridge City Council
Jo Mills (JM)	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Laura Halstead	Cambridgeshire Horizons
Geoff Bruce (GB)	Cambridgeshire Horizons
Sheryl French (SF) Item 6	Cambridgeshire Horizons
Alison Mallows (AM) Item 6	Halcrows
Gill Barker (GDB) - Minutes	Cambridgeshire Horizons

Actions

1. Welcome and Apologies

SDT welcomed all to the meeting and noted the apologies above.
There were no Declarations of Interest.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th September 2009

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

SDT noted the following Action points:

Item 4 – NWC – Brain storming meeting – diary availability for all was proving difficult. Still being organized.
Item 5 – TOR – on this Agenda.

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4. Terms of Reference Review

The ToR had been revised as a result of the discussion at the previous meeting, and had been circulated.

Agreed:

The Terms of Reference as circulated were agreed by the meeting.

5. Major Development Sites progress Report

JO's paper had been circulated. In his absence AP highlighted the following:

Main Points and Discussion:

- 1.4 – The HCA's Kickstart1 funding had been disappointing for Cambridgeshire. The deadline for expressions of interest in Kickstart 2 had now passed and seemed to show similar possible outcome for Cambridgeshire, and yet the HGF funding cuts were to hit Cambridgeshire hard; Noted that the criteria for Kickstart funding was unhelpful. Whilst HCA had been keen to assist with funding for areas such as Orchard Park, developments did not fulfil the criteria laid down. AP and Liz Bissett, as Chair of Sub Regional Housing Board, had written to Terry Fuller of HCA expressing these concerns;
- 2.1.1. – Cambridge Southern Fringe – Trumpington Meadows: Further to the loan agreement, the S106 has also now been completed and planning permission has therefore been issued. This was ground breaking work bringing together local authority members, officers, RSL's and public money, alongside very good engagement with the developer to ensure a result; Noted that the date for the official 'signing' of the Trumpington Meadows agreement was 1st December;
- PS updated the Committee on the Planning processes and workstreams now required. These included a Design Code and a Reserve Matters application. Community facilities and consultations were getting underway. All these required resources.
- 2.1.3 – Clay Farm – Results of Appeal still awaited. CPL have submitted an expression of interest in Kickstart2 funding and as the criteria state planning permission by March 2010, they are

submitting a completely fresh application in case the results of the Appeal on the current one are not in their favour; Outcome of Appeal is crucial for 40% Affordable Housing policy, with CPL seeking only 16.5% on Phase 1, and a phase by phase viability study on each subsequent phase; Inspectors decision due early in New Year; Noted that City and South Cambs were working jointly regarding community issues;

- 2.1.4 – Addenbrookes Biomedical Research Campus – S106 agreement now complete.
- 2.2 – North West Cambridge: Noted that Cambridge University (CU) were actively pushing these developments, and had now invited members and officers to Seminars; Noted that the NIAB application was listed for JDC in December and only outstanding issue at this time was education provision, with demography suggesting a 2 x 2form primary school. Secondary provision was site allocated on NIAB2. Queried whether the demography of the area as a whole had been investigated by CCC with regard school provision. GH noted that it had; Noted that these sites formed part of the Area Action Plan (AAP), signed up to by all local authorities involved, subsequent to years of consultation; Complications regarding health provision were arising somewhat late in the day, with the PCT seeking a ‘megacentre’ to hold around 20 GP’s, where a usual GP centre for up to 3k residents would hold 6. Reported that such an increase could impact on the viability of Affordable Housing provision. Noted that the 2004 Strategy covering health provision was currently being updated and due to come to Committee in March 2010. Noted that any GP practise, large or small, is a business and should not therefore be, or require, subsidy. Queried as to whether links with the NHS should be improved to ensure late requests of this nature did not arise in the future; Reported that CU site developers seeking a Retail unit (supermarket) of 2.5k sq mtr. Under the Joint AAP a smaller 1.5k version would be allowed; Transport study urgently required and should be linked to Retail study; Query regarding nature of the CU ‘Seminars’ and workshops. Members concerned of being compromised. Noted that a Briefing Note regarding the Cambridge North West application sites was due out tomorrow;
- 2.3 – Cambridge East: SDT reported that Hunts DC had organised for Marshall representatives, along with CCC and Horizons to be invited to RAF Wyton to meet Defence Estates and RAF personnel and view the site. This meeting had been positive and well attended, including Michael Marshall (MM). Further to this meeting SDT had spoken with MM regarding the RSS Review response date which was looming, suggesting a form of words showing Marshall’s commitment to ensuring the land would be available within the RSS timescale. A copy of this had been circulated. A reply was awaited; Noted that relocation within Cambridgeshire was paramount, with part of the Aerospace business remaining in the City, would allow for an overall increase in jobs;

Agreed:

- Committee noted and wished to formally record thanks to all officers regarding their hard work on Cambridge Southern Fringe projects;
- Members to seek advice from own officers as to acceptance of

invitations to Seminars and Workshops;

- Comms officers to work together with Cambridge University Comms people on protocols required for CNW Seminars, workshops and Reception Events.

6. **Future Water Services Infrastructure Priorities**

SF's report had been circulated. Alison Mallows of Halcrow's was introduced and would be making a presentation, hand outs of which were tabled.

Main Points:

- Water Cycle Strategy (WCS) was a programme of water services infrastructure through to 2031, allowing for growth;
- It was also an evidence base for local delivery frameworks and toward the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and the Integrated Development Programme (IDP);
- The main objectives were to integrate WSI planning to facilitate development and resolve constraints to growth, to develop long term sustainable strategy, to consider cumulative impacts and to enable local authorities and developers to meet policy obligations.
- AM of Halcrow Group Limited then took members through the process by way of a presentation:
- Focus – aligns water services infrastructure (WSI) with planned development;
- WCS so far – identified baseline WSI for strategic sites, highlighted key areas for further work, findings presented to developers for feedback;
- WCS Phase 2 – twin track approach – confirming baseline requirements and assessing potential for enhanced efficiency and sustainability in order to future proof. Detailing the high level vision;
- Explaining a multi-criteria analysis (MCA) and expanding for Cambridge specific;
- Explaining the criteria weighting process and results of recently held, member involved, consultation workshop and how those results might now best be utilised.

Discussion:

- Noted that aspects of the weighting, i.e. greywater recycling, were not just aspirational. AM noted that there were operational models, such as Feltwell in Norfolk;
- Reassuring for the public that this work is being carried out, especially for the north-west area. Queried whether this presentation could be rolled out to residents associations etc;
- Noted that water table is dropping year-on-year, emphasis on conserving water urgently required;
- Trumpington Meadows SUDS system was a pre-commencement matter for which we held responsibility, with inadequate time allowed to deal with, which will culminate in additional cost;
- Noted that City Council agreed to adopt SUDS systems in public open spaces, but problems occur with cross boundary systems when other authorities, i.e. Highways, also have to be involved. An area which requires immediate resolution;
- Noted that CCC's Flood and Surface Water Management Team are looking at this issue, and developing an integrated water management approach;
- Noted that all of the above WCS will be dependent on metering, and should result in reduced costs for the water companies. A

'smart Tariff' could be considered;

Agreed:

- Valuable work;
- Useful if graph in report could show relevant Code levels against each scenario for comparison purposes;
- Future workshops to be organised with as much advance notice as possible to ensure maximum availability;
- Recommendations a), b) and c) as listed in the report.

7. Forward Agenda Items

SDT noted that a Housing Economist had been invited for the next meeting.

Also, the Fire Service were to have attended but had nothing to report at this time. What were the issues committee wished to see addressed? Noted - Long Term Planning of the Fire Service, including provision for Northstowe, and that the Chief Fire Officer himself should be asked to respond, as this was a strategic issue. AP was meeting with him soon, so would seek his attendance.

AP

Meeting scheduled for 21st April clashed with JDC. GDB to investigate and reschedule if necessary

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8. Any other Business

There was nothing.

9. Date of next meeting

Currently 11th February, 2010 at 1000 at a venue to be confirmed.

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Meeting closed at 12.10.