

JOINT STRATEGIC GROWTH IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

Minutes from the Meeting held on

Wednesday 10 September 2008

Swansley Room, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne

Committee Members Present:	
Sir David Trippier	Cambridgeshire Horizons (Chairman)
Cllr. Sebastian Kindersley	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr. David Bard	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr. Ray Manning	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Cllr. Ian Nimmo-Smith	Cambridge City Council
Cllr. Sian Reid	Cambridge City Council
Cllr. Sir Peter Brown	Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr. Nichola Harrison	Cambridgeshire County Council
Also in attendance:	
Cllr. Stewart Newbold	Cambridge City Council
John Onslow	Cambridgeshire Horizons
Peter Studdert	Director for Joint Planning
Steve Hampson	South Cambridgeshire District Council
Simon Payne	Cambridge City Council
Graham Hughes	Cambridgeshire County Council
Brian Smith	Cambridgeshire County Council
Sue Beecroft	Cambridgeshire Horizons
Charlotte Shepherd	Cambridgeshire Horizons
Paul Mumford	Cambridgeshire Horizons
For item 1:	
Jonathan Barker	Marshall Aerospace
Steve Sillery	Marshall Aerospace
John Phillips	LDA Design
Apologies:	
Cllr Lewis Herbert	Cambridge City Council
Cllr Matt Bradney	Cambridgeshire County Council

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	Open Session	
2.	Welcome and Apologies	
2.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SDT thanked all for efforts relating to Hanley Grange, including local authorities not represented on JSGIC; an excellent example of partnership working. - Allows all to refocus on delivery of major sites. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Kindersley commented that Hanley Grange likely to re-emerge through RSS process, but now offered the opportunity for political groups to clarify their positions on this. - Commented that trust has been built between Horizons and the local authorities (Cllr Reid). 	
3.	Minutes of last meeting	
3.1	- Minutes agreed.	
4.	Matter arising	
4.1	- PS reported on sustainability standards that all affordable housing through Cambridge Challenge will be built at Code 4. Market housing expected to be Code 3 although Trumpington Meadows private housing at Code 4 except any applications made before 2010 up to maximum of 200.	
5.	Market Conditions, Housing and Economy	
5.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation by SB. Presentation and EEDA briefing note to be sent round to JSGIC. - PS commented on reports in property press (Savills) predicting 25% drop in London house prices from 2007 peak, with return to 2007 prices by 2013. Cambridge may recover more quickly. Key is finance and availability of mortgages. - Cllr Kindersley commented that the message must be that we carry on regardless and are not diverted from delivering the growth agenda. 	SB
5.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Reid asked whether information was available on construction costs and how these were responding to the market downturn. Horizons to follow up. - What is the likely impact of the release of Housing Corporation money to ease the purchase of homes? (Cllr Bard). PS responded that the most effective use of Housing Corporation money seems to be to fund upfront infrastructure. - Agreed that it would be useful to see follow-up on economic growth perspective (Cllr Harrison). 	
5.3	- How will the government deal with previous housing targets (that have not been met) when setting new targets? (Cllr Harrison). SDT commented on ongoing discussions on response to RSS review and likelihood that government will ask for 50% increase in housing figures in current plans.	
5.4	- Query about plans to benefit from Olympics and attract tourism to the area (Cllr Brown). SDT responded that the Greater Cambridge Partnership have a responsibility for this. GCP are represented on Horizons' Board and SDT sites on GCP Board to ensure joined-up working.	
6.	Major Development Sites Progress	
6.1	- JO presented paper and Strategic Risk Register.	
6.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risks shown as red relating to transport should be amended to amber following Joint Transport Forum meeting. - Cllr Harrison commented that risk around exploring innovative sources of funding should be flagged as more 	

	<p>urgent. Also 3a(i) to be flagged red (viability work on Section106).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Query over whether public perception risk is being properly addressed (Cllr Harrison). Communications and Community Engagement Strategy to be considered by Horizons Board 17th Sept – to be sent to JSGIC. Agreed that JSGIC should receive Horizons Board papers. - Cllr Reid thanked County Council for resolving Joint Transport Forum. 	JO
6.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PS reported that it is hoped the NIAB outline application will be ready for consideration by committee by end 2008. - A key meeting will take place on 23rd September to discuss planning application amendments and Section106 approach. Application amendments are expected in December, which puts pressure on meeting July 2009 committee date. Cllr Bard expressed concern that July 2009 must be achieved to avoid conflict with the South Cambs LDF Site Specific Policies DPD. 	
6.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JO reported that increased Rolling Fund is being sought and that the Northstowe community trust is progressing, with a Shadow Board (officers) being steered by member group (Northstowe Trust and Governance Group). - Query about setting up of Town Council (Cllr Brown). SH/JO responded that work is ongoing and the community trust will be depended upon Town Council having been set up. 	
6.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JO reported that the Joint Planning Budget was confirmed and that there are still some vacancies in posts supporting the growth agenda. This allows funds to be available for studies. 	
6.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Major Community/Arts facilities reports recently received and reported to Chief Executives. Agreed to set up member briefing. 	
6.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Harrison queried progress with secondary education provision for North West Cambridge. PS responded that a potential solution is in discussion whereby land is retained on the current application site to allow for a school; if land in South Cambs comes forward for development a school could be located there. 	
7.	Programme of Development Refresh	
7.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JO gave oral report. - Paper will go to Horizons Board (to be sent to JSGIC). - Programme of Development to be resubmitted beginning October with request for increased HGF 2009-2011 (£42mn) and increased Rolling Fund (£37mn). 	
8.	Fire and Rescue Service Update	
8.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cllr Manning commented that proposals for sprinklers in domestic properties seem to be too expensive to deliver. Cllr Harrison suggested that informatives could be attached to planning permissions. 	

	- Commented that public buildings may be a different matter. BS commented that the County have a commitment to deliver sprinklers in school buildings where possible.	
9.	Any Other Business	
9.1	None raised.	
10.	Date of next meeting	
10.1	Wednesday 12 th November 2008, 10.00am, Committee Room 1, City Council Guildhall.	