

**MINUTES of the meeting of Planning, Transport and Regeneration
Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 05 September 2012 at 7.00pm**

Present: Councillors Gerard Rice (Chair), Garry Hague, Charles Curtis, Sue Gray, Tom Kelly and Richard Speight

In attendance: Steve Cox - Assistant Chief Executive
Andrew Millard - Head of Planning & Transportation
Simon De Vere - Strategic Lead – Chief Executive’s
Delivery Unit
Jonathan Harris - Project Support Officer
Ryan Passfield - Senior Transport Planner
Kenna-Victoria Martin - Senior Democratic Officer

1 Apologises for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2 Minutes of the previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Transport and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committees held on 6 March 2012 and 14 June 2012, were approved as a correct record.

3 Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

4 Declaration of interest

a) Interests

No interests were declared.

b) Whipping

No interests were declared.

5 Local Sustainable Transport Fund Outcomes

The Head of Planning and Transportation introduced the report and explained that its purpose was to provide the Committee with further

information on Thurrock's Local Sustainable Transport Fund project. The report included details about how the project is to be monitored the summary table detailing predicted outcomes calculated using a spreadsheet model was highlighted. This approved methodology formed part of the bid agreed by the Department for Transport (DfT).

In addition, some of the non-quantifiable outcomes and benefits likely to be gained following delivery of Thurrock's LSTF project were explained. These included the supporting of economic growth via freeing up road capacity.

Members found the report to be useful, but queried whether there could be a greater use of KPIs to monitor the delivery of the programme. Officers advised that this was a matter which would be looked into and incorporated into following annual reports wherever possible.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

6 Purfleet Regeneration Programme

Officers explained to the Committee that the report was an update on the Purfleet Centre, although details were still confidential, Officers informed Members that there were companies bidding for the contracts. Officers took Member through the report, explaining the three workstreams (Planning, CPO and Procurement) which were currently in progress.

The Committee were informed that the headline outputs for the development were housing, retail and providing a new primary school. It was explained to Members that the project was to improve the area and benefit new and existing residents of Purfleet as well as getting people back down towards the river.

Members queried the new school the project involved, Officers explained to Members that although they are unsure what the school itself would look like, it was likely to be a 3 form entry Primary School, as the development would increase the level of new homes within the area there would need to be a school to cater for local families.

The Committee asked when the construction work for the project would commence, Officers informed the Committee that construction of the development could not progress until planning permission had been obtained, a developer appointed, and further land acquired. Members were told that Officers felt that it could be up to three years until a construction programme could be put into action.

Members also questioned the quality of the jetty on the site. It was explained to the Committee that if a poor design was produced, then it

would be refused, Officers ensured Members that they wanted quality and quality would be needed for the project to be successful.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

7 Work Programme

The Committee discussed future items they wished to look at and suggested the following:

- Update on the LSTF
- CIL
- Visit from the DfT

The meeting finished at 7.45.

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIRMAN

DATE

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