

Executive – 31 July 2007

- Present:- Councillor Henley (Chairman)
Councillors Brooks, Coles, Horsley, Lees, Prior-Sankey,
Mrs Smith and Wedderkopp
- Officers:- Ms L Ball (Town Centre Manager)
Mrs G Croucher (Democratic Services Officer)
Mr R Mitchinson (Senior Policy Officer)
Mr R Willoughby-Foster (Forward Plan and Regeneration
Manager)
- Also Present:- Councillors Bishop, Farbahi, Floyd, House, Leighton, Mrs
Lewin-Harris, Meikle, Smith, Mrs Stock-Williams, Stuart-
Thorn and Mrs Wilson

(The meeting commenced at 8.18 pm)

79. Apology

Councillor Mullins.

80. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Brooks, Henley and Prior-Sankey declared personal interests in Minute No 82 as members of Somerset County Council; Councillors Horsley and Meikle declared personal interests as representatives on the Taunton Town Centre Partnership and Councillor Meikle declared a prejudicial interest as a business owner in Tangier and left the meeting when this part of Taunton was discussed.

81. Public Question Time

Councillor Mrs Lewin-Harris, as a member of the public, asked what the Executive's position was on the relocation of the public swimming baths?

Councillor Henley replied that any discussions on the relocation of the public swimming baths would be with all relevant partners.

82. Taunton Town Centre Area Action Plan

Considered report previously circulated, concerning the draft Taunton Town Centre Area Action Plan (TTCAAP). The draft set out the detailed planning policies and proposals for the regeneration of Taunton Town Centre. A copy of the document had been circulated to all Members of the Executive. Immediately prior to this meeting, the Strategic Planning, Transportation and Economic Development Review Panel had considered the draft TTCAAP in detail and had recommended that the policies and proposals contained within the

document should be approved prior to its submission to the Secretary of State (Minute No 38/2007 refers).

RESOLVED that:-

- 1) The draft Taunton Town Centre Area Action Plan be approved;
and
- 2) The Action Plan be submitted for consideration to the Secretary of State.

(The meeting ended at 8.29pm)

Executive – 3 October 2007

Present: Councillor Henley (Chairman)
Councillors Brooks, Horsley, Prior-Sankey, Mrs Smith and
A Wedderkopp

Officers: Donna Durham (Democratic Services Officer)
Lesley Webb (Housing Enabling Manager)
David Whitehead (Housing Strategic Services Manager)
John Williams (Chief Housing Officer)

Also Present: Councillors Mrs Allgrove, Critchard and Stone

(The meeting commenced at 7:41 pm).

99. Apologies

Councillors R Lees and Mullins

100. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2007 were taken as read and were signed.

101. Declaration of Interests

Councillors Brooks, Henley and Prior-Sankey declared a personal interest as members of Somerset County Council.

Councillor Horsley declared a personal interest as a member of Taunton Association for the Homeless.

102. Housing Green Paper

Considered report, previously circulated concerning The Housing Green Paper. The Housing Green Paper had the potential to shape the direction that the Housing Services took, particularly in relation to future housing provision. It had been previously agreed that there would be a joint response to the consultation, developed by the five District Councils and the Planning Service at Somerset County Council.

The initial draft of the consultation response to Government had been considered by the Housing Review Panel at its meeting immediately preceding this meeting. It had been agreed that the Panel's comments would be incorporated in the draft. The Executive gave further consideration to the draft response including the comments of the Review Panel

RESOLVED that

- i) the draft response together with the comments of the Housing Review Panel be agreed;
- ii) the Executive Councillor for Housing Services be authorised to agree any final alterations to the consultation response to the Housing Green Paper prior to it being submitted.

(The meeting ended at 7:58 pm).