

The Stratford-on-Avon Area Committee met at Elizabeth House, Church Street, Stratford-upon-Avon on the 18 July 2007.

Present:-

Councillors George Atkinson (Chair)
“ Richard Hyde (Vice Chair)
“ John Appleton
“ Peter Barnes
“ Jill Dill Russell
“ David Booth
“ Richard Hobbs
“ Nina Knapman
“ Helen McCarthy
“ Sue Main
“ Mike Perry
“ Chris Saint
“ Izzi Seccombe
“ Bob Stevens

Officers:-

Environment and Economy Directorate

Community Protection Directorate

Performance and Development Directorate

Ian Marriott, Corporate Legal Services Manager.
Martin Gibbins, Stratford Area Manager.
Pete Keeley, Member Services.
Amanda Wilson-Patterson – Area Administrative Officer.

members of the public attended.

1. General

(1) Apologies

None.

(2) Members' Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

(i) Joint Membership Declarations

The following members who were also members of the Stratford on Avon District Council and, where indicated, also members of the Warwickshire Police Authority, declared personal interests in any item on the agenda affecting the District Council or the Police Authority.

Councillors John Appleton, Peter Barnes, Richard Hobbs (also member of the Warwickshire Police Authority), Sue Main, Mike Perry, Chris Saint, Izzi Seccombe (also member of the Warwickshire Police Authority) and Bob Stevens.

(ii) Other declarations

Councillor Richard Hyde declared a personal interest in **Agenda Item 11. - Warwickshire County Council Response to Stratford-upon-Avon Urban Design Framework** as a Trustee of the Shakespeare Trust and a member of the Board of Advantage West Midlands.

(3) Minutes of the meeting held on the 16 May 2007 and Matters Arising

agreed

2. Public Questions and Answers

To be added.

3. Responsive Services and Empowered Communities –the development of a locality approach

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

The report followed on from the decision of the Cabinet on 10th May 2007 authorising consultation with elected members through the Area Committees on the principles and issues relating to the development of a Locality approach by the Council.

Resolved:

That the Committee recommends that the Council creates 3 committees to meet the principles of paragraph 4.3.

That, in principle, Option 3 is adopted as the Committee's preferred governance model.

That a more detailed frame work be worked up including delegation options and reported to this Committee at the next meeting.

4. Warwickshire County Council Response to Stratford-upon-Avon Urban Design Framework

The report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

Final amendments to the Urban Design Framework and outline of onward process for Stratford on Avon District Council and Warwickshire County Council, prior to the document becoming Supplementary Planning Guidance.

Resolved by 7 votes to 5:

- (1) That the Committee supports the amended version of the Stratford-upon-Avon Urban Design Framework subject to reservations about the potential foot/cycle bridge and movement of public transport along Western Road.

It was also Resolved:

- (2) That the Committee asks Cabinet to approve the document, as confirmation of Warwickshire County Council's continuing commitment to World Class Stratford.

5. Rushbrook Road Speed Tables

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

Implementation of two speed reduction tables on Rushbrook at its junctions with Hunts Road and Byron Road, Stratford-upon-Avon, funded by Section 106 monies from the Trinity Mead Development (expires October 2008).

Resolved:

That the Committee approve the installation of junction tables on Rushbrook Road, Bridgetown, Stratford-upon-Avon, at its junctions with Hunts Road and Byron Road as indicated on the plans attached at Appendix B to the report.

6. Street Lighting Hours of Operation - Consultation

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy.

At present virtually all County Council street lights in Warwickshire operated throughout the night. Savings might be made if all (or selected) lights were switched off after midnight. The Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested a consultation before further consideration is given to this issue. The report requested the views of Members of the Area Committee to switching off or dimming street lights.

During the debate the following points were made:

Consideration should be given to the relevant parish council being consulted about any trial proposed in their area.

Regard must be had to community safety aspects of street lighting.

The operating efficiency of CCTV could be reduced by dimmed street lights.

The development of energy efficient lighting and power sources was continually monitored.

Resolved:

That the Committee supports:

lights being switched off in their area in the early hours of the morning or lights being dimmed in their area in the early hours of the morning (when this becomes a viable option);

a trial of street light dimming in their area subject to consideration of the likely impact of dimmed street lights on the effectiveness of any nearby CCTV.

7. Proposed Implementation of the Stratford on Avon District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2007 and Revocation of the 2004 Order and Two Applications to Change the Name of Two Streets

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy which sought approval from Members for Stratford on Avon District Council's proposal to implement the Off-Street Parking Places Order 2007 and to revoke the 2004 Order. The implementation of the new Order would remove ambiguity from the existing Order, provide clarity and revise the pricing structure relating to Short and Long Stay car parks.

The Committee's views were also sought regarding two applications received by Stratford on Avon District Council to change the name of two streets.

During the discussion concern was expressed about impact of charges and the time allowed for off street car parking on the viability of the park and ride service.

Resolved :

- (1) That the Committee gives consent for the Stratford on Avon District Council's proposal to implement the Stratford on Avon District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2007 and to revoke the 2004 Order but, in doing so, requests the District Council to undertake a review of its short term car parking charges and the time allowed for parking in its car parks .
- (2) Supports the two applications to change the name of two streets within Stratford on Avon District.

8. Implications of the Childcare Act 2006 and development of Children's Centres

The report of the Strategic Director of Children, Young People and Families.

The report outlines the duties imposed on Local Authorities by the Childcare Act 2006 and gives information on the developments within Stratford District to meet them.

Resolved:

That the Area Committee acknowledges the duties imposed on Warwickshire County Council by the Childcare Act 2006 and endorses the work in progress to meet them.

9. Stratford on Avon Well being Fund priorities and Potential Project and Social Inclusion Fund Project

The report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development.

The Area Committee are asked to identify the priorities for the use of the Well being Fund in 2006/07. The Area Committee is also asked to consider whether to approve the Well being Fund and Social Inclusion Fund projects set out in the report.

Resolved:

That the Area Committee:

- (1) Agrees that the priorities for the use of the Well being Fund shall be those set out in paragraph 2.2 of this Report
- (2) Approves the Well being Fund proposals set out in Section 5 and the Social Inclusion Fund proposal set in Section 6

10. Provisional Items for Future Meetings

19 September 2007 Meeting

(1) Change to Indicated Admission Number

Proposals to change the IAN of Alcester High School Technology College.

Diversion of Footpath SM 19, Long Itchington.

Provision of a cycle park in Bridge Street Stratford upon Avon

The possibility of a Gating Order being made for Childs Close Stratford upon Avon

A status report on Localities

An examination of statistical evidence that Stratford residents are against the foot/cycle bridge over the River Avon.

11. Any Other Items

None

The Committee rose at 7.10 p.m.