

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, REGENERATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

RECORD OF DECISIONS taken by the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration & Economic Development, Councillor Luke Stubbs, at his meeting held on Tuesday, 10 March 2015 at 5.00 pm at the Conference Room A - Civic Offices

### **Present**

Councillor Luke Stubbs (in the chair)  
Councillor Ben Dowling  
Councillor Steve Hastings

### **Officers Present**

Claire Upton-Brown, City Development Manager  
Jacqueline Boulter, Principal Planning Officer  
David Hayward, Principal Planning Policy Officer  
Alison Hesselberth, SME Development Officer  
Susan Aistrope, Finance Manager

#### **6. Apologies for Absence (AI 1)**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Aiden Gray.

#### **7. Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)**

There were no declarations of members' interests.

#### **8. Communication and Engagement with Small and Medium Enterprises in Portsmouth (AI 3)**

(TAKE IN REPORT)

Alison Hesselberth introduced the report which updates the portfolio holder for PRED on the latest economic profile for Portsmouth, outlined the SME business support activities currently undertaken and how it is planned that these could be developed to improve start up support and SME growth in the city. She advised that it is proposed that the options set out in paragraph 6 of the report be brought back to PRED for future endorsement.

#### **DECISION:**

- **That the collaborative and coordinated partnership approach that is being taken to support economic growth and encourage enterprise and innovation continues.**
- **That work be progressed to explore development of an updated Portsmouth Business Directory to support SME growth and business communication.**

- That proposals to deliver an enhanced programme of integrated support for start-up and growth of SMEs are progressed with the aim of improving the city's ranking in terms of SME survival and growth.

**9. Candidate Local Wildlife Sites 2015 update (AI 4)**

(TAKE IN REPORT)

David Hayward introduced the report which was to seek the Cabinet Member's approval to treat six identified sites with nature conservation interest as "candidate local wildlife sites".

The Cabinet Member said that because flood defence work was being carried out soon at site iv - Kings Bastion Moat and site vi - Foreshore to the west of Tipner Ranges, he was not minded to approve these sites at present so as not to cause complications. He said that these sites could be reconsidered at a later date.

**DECISION:**

**That the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development approved the following sites being treated as "candidate local wildlife sites" for planning policy and development management purposes:**

- i. East and west of Gillman Road**
- ii. Fort Cumberland**
- iii. James Callaghan Drive and**
- v. Paulsgrove Chalk Pit**

**10. Community Infrastructure Levy - Exceptional circumstances relief (AI 5)**

(TAKE IN REPORT)

Jacqueline Boulter introduced the report which explained the need to withdraw CIL Exceptional Circumstances Relief.

**DECISION:**

**That the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development authorises the City Development Manager to publicise the Council's intention to withdraw CIL Exceptional Circumstances Relief.**

**11. Proposed Developers Consultation Forum (AI 6)**

(TAKE IN REPORT)

The City Development Manager introduced the report which seeks approval to set up a Development Consultation Forum and introduce an associated charging schedule. The Forum would be set up and operationally would become effective from June 2015. She explained that pre-application advice is a discretionary service and until May 2014 had not been charged for by the Council. It is considered that the service could be further improved by the

introduction of a Developers' Consultation forum. Members were concerned that the charge proposed may not cover costs and wanted this to be monitored. This was agreed.

**DECISION:**

**That the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Economic Development authorises the City Development Manager**

**(1) to finalise working arrangements for the introduction of a Development Consultation Forum to commence in June 2015.**

**(2) to introduce a charging schedule at a rate set out in the report.**

The meeting concluded at 5.20 pm.

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Councillor Luke Stubbs  
Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration & Economic  
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