

## LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK MEMBER WORKING GROUP

### NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 NOVEMBER 2007

#### Present

Cllr Khaliq, Environment & Waste Management IC (Chair);  
Cllr King, Environment & Waste Management IC;  
Cllr Alun Griffiths, Environment & Waste Management IC;  
Cllr Greaves, Regeneration & Economy IC;  
Cllr Naylor, Regeneration & Economy IC;  
Cllr Townend, Safer & Stronger IC;  
Cllr Ruding, Safer & Stronger IC  
Cllr Ellis, Corporate IC;  
Together with: Andrew Marshall, Group Manager and Michelle Greenwood, (Development Plans & Policy); Caroline Coombes (Service Improvement Team); Lynne Heffernan (Minutes).

#### Apologies:

Cllrs Haigh, Thornton

#### **1. Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan (BCCAAP)**

Andrew Marshall recapped on the last meeting and gave a short presentation on the City Centre Area Action Plan Issues and Options which Members had previously received either hard copy or electronically. The main points were highlighted and discussed as follows:

- The main document is the Core Strategy and all other documents feed from it.
- The Core Strategy is a strategic document and not site specific.
- Concern was expressed that the lower level documents may not ultimately agree with the Core Strategy document. However the planning documents are intended to support the Core Strategy and there is a line of conformity down to the other documents. Currently all the "sub" documents relate back to the Core Strategy document.
- The Core Strategy will set out the spatial vision for the District. The Issues and Options are currently being developed in consulted with the public.
- The BCCAAP sets out a draft "Vision" and objectives for the City centre.
- Members noted that rail links/reduction in through traffic needs to be considered within the Plan and would like sight of a Highways Restructure document if available. There is concern as to where traffic is to go.
- AM stressed the LDF acted as a "clean slate".

- Looks at issues such as whether or not there should be a combination of housing and commerce as in Little Germany.
- Looks at issues and how does it relate back to transport and movement over the next twenty years.

The BCCAAP document then looked at several key themes, which were discussed in turn.

### ***Key Questions/issues Raised by Members***

#### ***General***

- Need the views of those who don't come to the City Centre as well as those who live, work and visit.
- Shopping centres are very spread out and sprawling.
- Concern at night time activities – noise nuisance.
- Looks at additional usage for educational campus.
- Styles of buildings need to be considered
- Members expressed concern at the lack of mention of waste management and the focus on “primary” schools rather than all levels of education.

#### ***Movement***

- Flagged up issues around cars/public transport. We need to consider how we can manage this more effectively.
- The questions are asked within the document, but answers not always provided.
- Members were in favour of pedestrian precincts but facilities for parking cars near to the precincts would need to be considered.
- Members also stressed the need for the Ring Road issue to be finally settled in order to keep a flow of traffic out of the city centre.
- We need to be aware of the change in shopping habits, for instance, more use of internet shopping.
- People were more likely to visit city centres for a mix of things such as leisure, browsing, restaurants.

#### ***Public Realm***

- This is seen as a key area.
- Need to look at where people would want to spend their time, e.g. green spaces, quality of buildings etc.
- Members noted that ongoing maintenance of public realm would have to be a major consideration.
- Quality of materials and the replaceability of materials need to be considered in order to ensure that quality of buildings is maintained.
- Key element is to ensure that the Plan is able to be delivered and informs other investment decisions elsewhere.
- Public consultation began in August and comments are invited by end of December.

- AM and his staff are going to take stock of comments received and who has been engaged.
- A gap analysis to determine who has not participated in the consultation process will inform further engagement to ensure representative and robust consultation.
- A retail assessment study is being carried out involving household surveys which will inform the work on the BCCAAP.

### ***What Happens Next?***

- It is a long process (2- 3 years).
- There are a lot of stages to go through.
- The comments will be analysed early next year and the preferred option for the development of the city centre developed and consulted upon late in 2008.
- Elected Members need clarification of their role in the process.
- Essential that different aspects are dovetailed in i.e. City Centre, Waste management, Transport etc.
- Members asked if they were just going to look at individual issues and pass comment or were they to become more actively involved.

### ***Summary***

- It was noted that Wendy Fisher may be working on a Highways Policy/Traffic Policy.
- It was agreed that the Working Group would look at the City Centre Action plan in more detail and to look at how our internal plans fit in with the strategy across the whole District.
- It was also agreed that at the next meeting the Group would reflect on how it is working and how to move forward.
- The Group would pick up the Core Strategy in more detail at the next meeting
- The Working Group are to report back to Corporate Improvement Committee early next year.

#### **4. Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed to meet at 3.00 pm on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

At this meeting the Group will discuss:

- The main issues within the core strategy document.
- Day/Times for future meetings
- The direction the Group will take.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.