

EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Executive Board Sub Committee on Thursday, 10 January 2008 in the Marketing Suite, Municipal Building

Present: Councillors Wharton (Chairman) and Nelson

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Harris

Absence declared on Council business: None.

Officers present: M. Reaney, G. Ferguson, A. Cross, M. Noone and P. Watts

Also in attendance: None

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE

		<i>Action</i>
ES64	MINUTES The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 th December 2007 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.	
	PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION, REGENERATION AND RENEWAL PORTFOLIO	
ES65	PURCHASE OF PASSENGER TRANSPORT VEHICLE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT This item was withdrawn and would be resubmitted to a future meeting.	
ES66	SANDYMOOR SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (SPD) APPROVAL FOR STATUTORY PERIOD OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION The Sub-Committee considered a report which sought approval for the publication of a draft supplementary planning document (SPD): Sandymoor for the purposes of Statutory Public Consultation. The draft had been produced by collaborative working between numerous departments of the Council, English Partnerships and their consultants.	

The Sub-Committee was advised that the current document required certain further amendments prior to publication, particularly regarding the inter-relationships with the emerging proposals for surrounding sites at Daresbury Science and Innovation Campus and Wharford Farm. It was requested that authorisation for these and any other technical changes be approved by the Operational Director – Environmental and Regulatory Services, in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Planning, Transportation, Regeneration and Renewal as necessary, prior to publication for public consultation.

It was reported that following completion of the formal public consultation exercise the responses would be recorded and taken into account. It was intended that a further report would be taken to the Executive Board seeking formal adoption of the revised Sandymoor SPD.

RESOLVED: That

(1) the draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD): Sandymoor, be approved for the purposes of statutory public consultation;

(2) the comments received at the Partnership Consultation Stage, as set out in the Statement of Consultation and responses to them are noted;

(3) further editorial and technical amendments that do not materially affect the content of the SPD be agreed by the Operational Director – Environmental and Regulatory Services in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Planning, Transportation, Regeneration and Renewal as necessary, before the document is published for public consultation; and

(4) the results of the public consultation exercise and consequent recommended modifications to the draft SPD be reported back to the Executive Board for resolution to adopt as a Supplementary Planning Document.

Strategic Director
Environment

ES67 REPORT OF ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER – UPTON ROCKS LINK ROAD

On 2nd March 2007, Alan West, former Operational Director, Highways, Transportation and Logistics had accepted a tender under his delegated powers from NMS Civil Engineering in the sum of £971,382.35 for the construction of Upton Rocks Link Road. Due to a protracted land acquisition process the award of the contract to NMS

has been delayed.

The Sub Committee was advised that Completion of the Land Purchase Agreement was now anticipated in early January 2008. Subsequently, NMS had informed the Council of additional costs to the preliminaries, groundworks and surfacing operations due to price inflation, since the expiry of their tender offer. The additional costs totalled £36,500 and represented 4% of the accepted tender total, which was below the current inflation index for construction projects which was believed to be running at 12%.

RESOLVED: That the Board note the acceptance of the tender from NMS Civil Engineering Limited in the sum of £1,007,882.6 for the construction of Upton Rocks Link Road.

MINUTES ISSUED: 16th January 2008

CALL IN: 23rd January 2008

Any matter decided by the Executive Board Sub Committee may be called in no later than 23rd January 2008

Meeting ended at 10.13 a.m.