

## **MARKET MANAGEMENT GROUP**

**WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2011 AT 1.00 PM**

**PRESENT: Carlisle City Council**

Members: Councillors Mrs Bowman (Chairman), Bloxham  
and J Mallinson

Officers:

Mrs J Meek – Assistant Director (Economic Development)  
Mr S Brown – Assistant Solicitor  
Mr P Gray – Neighbourhoods and Green Spaces manager  
Mr R Simmons – Property Services Manager  
Mr R Higgins – Heritage Officer  
Ms R Rooney – Lead Committee Clerk

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** Mr G Ingram - LaSalle Investment Management  
Mr D Thomson - Ryden Property Consultants

### **MMG.09/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Mrs H Wylie, Market Hall Centre Manager.

### **MMG.10/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted.

### **MMG.11/11 MARKET MANAGEMENT GROUP**

Members questioned the continued requirement for the Market Management Group and asked officers to investigate the constitutional position of the Group and consider whether the issues raised could be discharged more efficiently.

**RESOLVED** – That the Assistant Director (Governance) investigate the constitutional position regarding the Market Management Group.

## **MMG.12/11            MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Market Management Group held on 20 April 2011 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

## **MMG.13/11            MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The Chairman referred to a number of issues highlighted by Members at the previous meeting and sought progress reports in respect thereof.

The following aspects were highlighted and discussed:

### **Graffiti**

Mr Higgins reported that tenders had been gathered for the removal of graffiti and a special coating to be applied to protect the wall. The successful tender bid had come from a local specialist stonemason.

Mrs Meek agreed to discuss the budget with Mr Gray and Mr Simmons to move the work forward and report progress back to the Chairman of the Group.

### **Blue Bell Lane**

Mr Gray reported that the bins were on their way from the supplier and the issue regarding the paving stones in Blue Bell Lane had been passed to the Highways Team and he agreed to report progress back to the Chairman.

### **Inappropriate Parking in St Mary's Gate/Fisher Street**

Councillor J Mallinson reported that the issue had been considered by the Highways and Transport Working Group and the Group had been unable to find a suitable resolution to the problem.

### **Lane adjacent to 22-28 Scotch Street**

Mr Simmons reported that the planning application and listed building consent for the gate had been submitted and he agreed to inform the Chairman of progress.

### **Cleaning of the City Centre**

Mr Gray informed the Group that the Neighbourhoods and Green Spaces Team were in the process of investing in some new street cleaning equipment which would enhance

the street cleaning team. He added that the pressure washing in the City Centre had also been reinstated at weekends.

RESOLVED – That updates on the above matters be reported back to the Chairman of the Market Management Group as appropriate.

#### **MMG.14/11            MANAGING AGENT'S REPORT**

A copy of the Managing Agent's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Mr Thomson outlined the changes to the report and explained that only operational matters would be reported in the future.

Mr Thomson outlined a number of building and maintenance issues and informed the Group that there had been some issues regarding the overspend of the service charge as a result of some of the maintenance work. With regard to tenancy matters Mr Thomson reported on the arrears outstanding including some issues with service charge payments.

RESOLVED - That the Managing Agent's report be noted.

#### **MMG.15/11            DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED – That arrangements be made for the next meeting of the Market Management Group to take place in April 2012

[The meeting ended at 1.25pm]