

Decision Ref No:

EX.084/07

Subject Matter:

DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK AND MOVEMENT STRATEGY

(With the consent of the Chairman, and in accordance with Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, this item had been included on the Agenda as a key decision, although not in the Forward Plan)

The Director of Carlisle Renaissance submitted Report CE.16/07 on the Development Framework and Movement Strategy. The Director set out the background to the work on the Development Framework and Movement Strategy. He then summarised the consultants's final report, which had been considered by the Executive on 19 February 2007 (EX.035/07) The consultant's report had been comprised of three documents, a main report, a Movement Strategy and a Delivery report.

The Director then reviewed the consistency of the consultant's final report with the national, regional, sub-regional and local planning, transport and regeneration policy framework. The Executive were asked to consider the report (and the issues raised in the private report to be considered later in the agenda) and to issue a Policy Statement for the Development Framework and Movement Strategy.

The Leader then tabled a City Centre Development Framework and Citywide Movement Strategy Draft Policy Statement. He then made the following statement:

"This draft policy statement for the city centre Development Framework and Movement Strategy sets out the City Council's policies which will stimulate investment in the city centre by the private sector, establish a physical environment in and around the city centre that supports economic growth, improve accessibility to jobs, services and facilities in the city centre and throughout Carlisle and will guide investment by the public sector in the city's physical environment and infrastructure. This policy statement is not a statutory document. However, it is intended for the City Council to take full account of this policy statement in considering issues, making decisions and allocating resources as they relate directly or indirectly to the physical environment and infrastructure in Carlisle.

It is our vision to create a city centre that is competitive, distinctive, vibrant, legible, accessible, sustainable, as well as being safe and well managed.

In support of this vision we will promote the concept of core character areas within and adjacent to the city centre of which we have identified eight.

Retail Core

In the Retail Core we will promote the expansion of the retail core and the primary retail area into Rickergate which will encourage the introduction of a broader mix of uses to support the evening and nighttime economy.

Historic Core

In the Historic Core we will promote the development of historical and cultural assets such as the Castle, Cathedral and Tullie House and encourage niche and specialist retail in the area.

Caldew Riverside

We will promote office-led mixed-used development on the Viaduct Estate Road with active frontages along the River Caldew.

Citadel

In the Citadel area we will promote the development of Court Square as a major improved public space and encourage residential-led mixed-use development in the Bush Brow area.

Eastern Approaches

In the Eastern Approaches we will encourage a retail-led mixed use development. We also consider the site west of the junction of Warwick Road and Spencer Street to be suitable for use as a magistrates' court/criminal justice centre.

Rickergate

In Rickergate we will promote mixed-use development accommodating expansion of the primary retail area, office, residential, hotel and leisure, cultural and associated uses and also we will seek to establish high quality secure gateway parking in the area.

Botchergate South

In Botchergate South we will promote a shift to a predominance of residential-led mixed-use development and improve the quality of public realm.

Western Gateway

In the Western Gateway we will promote residential-led mixed-use development and the improvement to the quality of a public realm.

The establishment of a university is an important part of both Carlisle Renaissance and the City Council's priority of Learning City and this document identifies potential locations for the headquarters of the University of Cumbria.

In relation to Movement

We will promote and support measures to:

- * Reduce through-traffic crossing the City Centre
- * Improve the quality and scope of public transport throughout Carlisle
- * Increase pedestrian and cycle use throughout Carlisle
- * To provide high quality, safe gateway parking at strategic locations in and around the City Centre
- * Become an exemplar City which offers a real choice of high quality transport modes for all

We will be working with the County Council in the development of the Movement Strategy and look forward to their support in helping the City's transport infrastructure.

This document will now be available for consultation with Overview and Scrutiny

Committees, private and voluntary sector partners, and will also be available in the Customer Contact Centre and on the website, with the facility for comment by residents.

This document, together with all the comments received, will come back to the Executive on 23 April 2007 and will be presented to Council on 1 May 2007."

Decision:

That the City Centre Development Framework and Citywide Movement Strategy Draft Policy Statement be approved as the basis for further consultation.

**Key or Non-Key
Decision:**

Key

Key Decision Ref:

KD.068/06

Portfolio:

Promoting Carlisle
Environment and Infrastructure

Who made decision:

Executive

Date:

26-Mar-07

**Reports and Background Papers
considered:**

Report CE.16/07 by the Director of Carlisle
Renaissance

Reasons for Decision:

After ensuring that the consultant's report is consistent with the existing policy framework of the City Council and other public bodies, to issue a draft Policy Statement for consultation.

Summary of Options rejected:

None

Interests declared

Councillor Geddes declared a personal interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of any references to the University of Cumbria. She stated that her interest was in respect of the fact that she is a Director of the St Martin's Company (registered number 117625).

Date published

28-Mar-07

Urgent decision not subject to call in

No

**Consent of Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of
Council to Urgency:**

Not applicable

Deadline for call-in:

4 April 2007 at 17:00

Implementation date if not called-in:

5 April 2007

**Relevant Overview and
Scrutiny Committee:**

Infrastructure O&S Committee

Call-in notified to and date notified:

Approved for implementation on:
