

CORPORATE STRATEGY AND PERFORMANCE
REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2001 AT 3.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors Firth (Chairman), Councillors Bradley (substitute for Councillor Weber), Glover, Guest, Jefferson (substitute for Councillor Pattinson), E Mallinson, Mitchelson and G Prest.

ALSO

PRESENT: Mr M Jennings, MPM Capita was in attendance.

CS.92/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Pattinson and Weber.

CS.93/01 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest affecting any item on the Agenda.

CS.94/01 *GATEWAY CITY PROJECT – PROJECT MANAGEMENT
PROGRESS UPDATE

Mr M Jennings, MPM Capita submitted a joint report with the City Solicitor and Secretary (TC.193/01) and tabled a Programme and Cost report updating Members on the status of all parts of the Gateway City project since the last meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Mr Jennings commented specifically that, due to extremely wet weather throughout August, the disabled access ramp on Castle Green had fallen behind programme and was now expected to be completed during the week commencing 10 September 2001. Wet weather had also slightly affected progress on the Rotunda canopy, with those works due to be completed during the week commencing 17 September 2001. He added that Tullie House intended to open the deck to the public on 1 October 2001.

Mr Jennings further reported that a planning application had been lodged with the City Council on 3 September 2001 for the external signage for the scheme.

Following a question from a Member, the Director of Environment and Development undertook to investigate the provision of a temporary sign in the vicinity of the Globe Inn advising the public that the disabled access over the Irish Gate Bridge was currently not available.

RESOLVED – That the status of all parts of the Gateway City Project and the overall position in financial terms and programme terms be noted.

CS.95/01 *GATEWAY CITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT REPORT – NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK

Pursuant to Minute CS.85/01, the Director of Environment and Development submitted report EN.156/01 setting out expenditure and outputs in relation to cycleway upgrades.

The Director reminded Members that the Council had resolved to meet the Gateway City Project's purpose in relation to the National Cycle Network by carrying out improvement measures to the existing cycle route, rather than by building Hadrian's Bridge. The sum of £40,000 had been allocated for that purpose and was being used to deliver the improvements.

The Director outlined the work, which fell into five geographic sections, commenting that it was on schedule for completion within budget in September 2001 and to National Cycle Network standard.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

CS.96/01 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED - That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the Paragraph Number (as indicated in brackets against each Minute) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act.

CS.97/01 *CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS IN RESPECT OF POST EXCAVATION ARCHAEOLOGY WORK – UPDATE

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of paragraphs 7 and 9)

The City Solicitor and Secretary submitted report TC.189/01 updating Members on the current position with regard to options open to the City Council over arrangements for the completion of post excavation archaeology work and on future storage arrangements for artefacts currently stored in Shaddon Mill.

The City Solicitor and Secretary further reported on the present budgetary arrangements to fund the archaeological works and indicated that a revised assessment of the costs and possible sources of grant assistance were currently being investigated.

RESOLVED – That the position be noted and that Officers report back to the Executive on future developments.

CS.98/01 *CONTRACTUAL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF IRISH GATE BRIDGE

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of paragraphs 7 and 12)

The City Solicitor and Secretary submitted report TC.190/01 updating Members on the current position in respect of various contractual matters. He outlined the various interlocking claims which had been put forward by the Council and other members of the external design team, together with action taken to date.

The two lifts on Irish Gate were still out of commission. A meeting had been arranged with Officers and the external design team for 6 September 2001 to address what required to be done.

The City Solicitor and Secretary outlined the financial implications for the Council, commenting that it was proposed that the Chairman and the City Treasurer be consulted in connection with any settlement of claims. A final outturn report on the financial position would be presented to Members in due course.

RESOLVED – That the position, together with the actions taken by the City Solicitor and Secretary to date, be noted and that further progress reports be presented to future meetings of the Executive.

[The meeting ended at 3.36pm]

