

## SUSTAINABLE REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7 November, 2011

Meeting commenced: 2.00 p.m.  
" ended: 4.45 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Dawson – in the Chair  
Councillors R. Garrido, Humphreys, Jolley, Lindley, Ord, Stone and  
G. Wilson

Claire Edwards – Democratic Services

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor Merry – Leader of the Council  
Karen Hirst – Development Director  
Alison Burnett – Senior Joint Commissioning Manager  
Brian McCoubrey – MediaCityUK Programme Manager

#### 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Rochford.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER, 2011

The minutes of the above meeting were approved as a correct record.

It was agreed that a table listing outstanding actions arising from the minutes of previous meetings would be produced and considered at future meetings.

#### 4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

#### 5. MEDIACITYUK UPDATE

##### (a) Background

Karen Hirst introduced a presentation in respect of MediaCityUK, providing background information with regard to the vision, the Peel Group and the MediaCityUK community.

##### (b) Transport

Brian McCoubrey outlined the current situation regarding transport in terms of –

- Metrolink
- Bus, including the subsidised shuttle bus service between Salford Shopping City and MediaCityUK that had been introduced
- Cycling and Walking

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- Water Taxi
  - Access by Car/Taxi/Goods Vehicle

Discussion took place with regard to the following matters:-

- How the tram service from Eccles could be further promoted.
- Difficulties that had been experienced navigating the Metrolink website.
- Reported gaps that existed in terms of bus services from West Salford (Worsley/Boothstown/Little Hulton).
- The lack of public transport in the MediaCityUK area on a Sunday evening.

RESOLVED: THAT the above matters be investigated and raised with the appropriate agencies.

(c) Employment and Skills

Alison Burnett presented information with regard to –

- Bridges to MediaCityUK
- A partnership approach
- Bridges to MediaCityUK Partners
- The Offer
- Maximising all opportunities
- Construction Phase: good start made
- Occupation Phase – work in progress
- BBC
- Bridges Case Study
- Route ways into the Digital and Media Industries
- What next?

Discussion took place in relation to the following -

- The increasing numbers of unemployed graduates and unemployed people aged 30-55 and the need to provide opportunities for them.
- A query was raised as to the number of jobs that had been created during Phase 1 and the projected number that were to be created in the long-term. It was indicated that these figures had not yet been received and that they would be provided to Members of the Scrutiny Committee once available.
- The programmes that Phase 2 would involve and timescales – it was indicated that outline plans were currently being worked up and that Members would be provided with information in respect of Phase 2 once it became available.
- Holiday Inn:-
  - It was agreed that arrangements would be made for Members of the committee to be provided with up to date recruitment figures.

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- Reference was made to the turnover of staff and the need to ensure that local people continued to benefit from as many of the employment opportunities that became available as possible.
  - Concerns were expressed that vacancies at MediaCityUK had not been advertised through Job Centre Plus.
  - Reference was made to the Job Centre Plus website being difficult to navigate.

RESOLVED: THAT the issues referred to above be followed up and Members be provided with the requested information once available.

(d) Public Use of the Piazza

Karen Hirst reported on plans to open up the piazza for public events and indicated that work was being undertaken with regard to the possibility of co-ordinated events being held in the space, in particular, with regard to the Olympics 2012.

- Reference was made to the position of the tram stop and the possibility that this would need to be managed during public events.

RESOLVED: (1) THAT the information be noted.

(2) THAT Karen Hirst, Brian McCoubrey and Alison Burnett be thanked for their presentations.

6. FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the items included in the November 2011 Forward Plan relating to Sustainable Regeneration.

Concern was expressed regarding the lack of detail in respect of the information that was provided within the forms that were attached to each of the decisions within the Forward Plan.

RESOLVED: THAT arrangements be made for officers to be requested to provide a summary of the details of any decision that was submitted for inclusion in future editions of the Forward Plan.

7. WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the Work Programme.

Reference was made to a tour of MediaCityUK that was in the process of being arranged for all Elected Members and it was agreed that, as the committee wished to consider specific issues relating to the development, it would be appropriate for arrangements to be made for Members of the committee to visit MediaCityUK separately in the future.

RESOLVED: (1) THAT the Work Programme be noted.

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(2) THAT arrangements be made for the Sustainable Regeneration Scrutiny Committee to visit MediaCityUK in the future.

(3) THAT it be noted that the January meeting would focus on –

- Severe winter weather plan
- Emergency Plans
- Re-Thinking Construction Partnership reports – arrangements be made for partners to attend.

(4) THAT a tour of Salford City Stadium be arranged to take place prior to the February meeting, with the meeting being held at the stadium and to include an update on the stadium.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, in a Committee Room at Salford Civic Centre, commencing at 2.00 p.m. (briefing for Members only at 1.30 p.m.).