

South Chichester County Local Committee

5 February 2019 – At a meeting of the Committee at 7.00 pm held at Committee Room 3, County Hall, Chichester, PO19 1RQ.

Present:

Mr S J Oakley (Chairman) (Chichester East;), Mrs Purnell (Selsey;), Mr Fitzjohn (Chichester South;), Ms Goldsmith (Chichester West;), Mr Hunt (Chichester North;), Mr Montyn (The Witterings;) and Mr Parikh (Bourne;)

Officers in attendance: Adam Chisnall (Democratic Services Officer), Peter Lawrence (Partnerships Area Manager (South)), Paul Jackson-Cole (Growth Programme Delivery Manager), Miles Davey (Parking Manager) and Mike O'Horan (Corporate Accommodation Lead)

31. Welcome and Introductions

31.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members and Officers introduced themselves.

31.2 Ms Goldsmith highlighted the 'Move and Improve' leaflets which assisted residents with balance improvements. Attendees from Parish councils asked to make contact if they wanted to a supply of the leaflets.

31.3 Mr Oakley also highlighted the Planning School Places document.

32. Declarations of Interest

32.1 Mr Fitzjohn declared an addition to his register of interest in that his wife is an officer at West Sussex County Council.

32.2 Mr Fitzjohn declared a personal interest as his son is a veteran in relation to a discussion on remembrance day during Talk With Us.

32.3 Ms Goldsmith declared a personal interest as her son is serving in the forces in relation to a discussion on remembrance day during Talk With Us.

32.4 Ms Goldsmith declared a personal interest as a member of the Local Enterprise Partnership in relation to a discussion on Coast to Capital during Talk With Us.

32.5 Members noted the list of their relevant interests on the agenda.

33. Minutes

33.1 Resolved – that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

34. **Progress Statement**

34.1 The Committee considered the progress statement on matters arising from previous meetings (copy appended to the signed minutes).

34.2 The Chairman introduced the report which gave updates on issues raised at the 30 October meeting.

34.3 Mr Fitzjohn reported that he was continuing to work with Chris Dye and other highway officers on the Hornet Traffic Lights. The County Council's legal team had confirmed that the current use of Unicorn House was 'well established'. The next process would be looking into litigation as the developer had paid for the crossing movement. Once this work was completed officers would look into the implications of moving the crossing. It was reported that Chichester District Council's air quality monitoring had shown no change linked to the new crossing location.

34.4 Resolved – That the Committee notes the progress statement.

35. **Chichester Growth Programme**

35.1 Paul Jackson-Cole, Growth Programme Delivery Manager, gave a presentation to the Committee on the Chichester Growth Programme (copy appended to the signed minutes).

35.2 The Committee made comments including those that follow.

- Queried how the use of railway lines for the Gigabit project would impact Manhood. – *Paul Jackson-Cole confirmed that other areas without railway access were being developed and that there were still opportunities to investigate a Manhood connection.*
- Asked when schools and the public would be connected to fibre broadband. – *Paul Jackson-Cole confirmed that schools and public could be connected as part of phase 1; phase 2 would also provide the opportunity for commercial and private residential connections.*
- Queried the cost for the project and the impact on the wider capital programme. – *Ms Goldsmith reported that the Gigabit project, which had coverage across much of West Sussex, had commenced under a grant from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport in order to connect key public sector buildings within Chichester District. Business rate relief was being used by West Sussex County Council to develop a wider network within the District that would allow greater levels of connectivity.*
- Sought clarity on the plans for the fire station. – *Ms Goldsmith explained that the biggest call for the fire service was highway incidents; this change in focus would be a consideration in a new location for the fire station. Confirmation was given that the fire service were meeting call out times.*
- Queried the issues with various land ownerships. – *Paul Jackson-Cole confirmed that the growth programme was part of wider partnership with district and boroughs and, where appropriate, with the private sector. Collaborative working would look to deliver the aspirations of the programme.*

- Asked if transport studies had been done for the city. – *Paul Jackson-Cole confirmed that the Transport Study being commenced to support the Chichester Vision would reflect existing studies and would be co-ordinated with on-going studies, including the Chichester Sustainable Transport Improvements Plan Study which was being developed to reflect Local Plan growth.*

35.3 Paul Over, Executive Director & Deputy Chief Executive at Chichester District Council, felt the focus was on the right things for the city and that there were hopes to develop beyond the city in the future.

35.4 The Committee welcomed the update.

36. **Road Space Audit**

36.1 Miles Davy, Parking Manager, gave a presentation to the Committee on the Proposed Parking Management Plan for Chichester as part of the Road Space Audit (copy appended to the signed minutes).

36.2 Miles Davy explained that the current view was reactive which led to the moving of issues from one place to another. The proposals would look to be proactive with parking management. A city wide plan would prevent displacement.

36.3 A frequently asked questions document had been created. The presented proposals were an initial draft. Members of the public were encouraged to participate in the consultation which would refine the proposals.

36.4 The Committee made comments including those that follow.

- Noted that documents would be at the Library and Chichester District Council offices and asked if wider copies could be available within parishes and also district libraries. – *Miles Davy acknowledged the need for hard copies and resolved to look into this. Members proposed contacting all parish councils via email.*
- Felt that the proposals could encourage a change in behaviour towards sustainable transport options. Members welcomed any opportunities to improve bus flow.
- Requested that disabled parking bays and carer permits were carefully considered. Officers also should consider houses of multiple occupation.
- Queried the decision process and how it would change if more consultation was required. – *Miles Davy reported that he would make recommendations to the Director of Highways and Transport if he felt more consultation was appropriate. The Director would then consider this with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure.*
- Welcomed the consultation and praised officers. Members recognised the work was innovative but would also be a challenge.

36.5 The Committee welcomed the update and requested a further update at the June meeting.

37. Parking Charges for evening and weekend Public Parking at County Hall, West Street, The Record Office, Orchard Street Chichester - Consultation response consideration (SC12(18/19))

37.1 The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Economy, Infrastructure and Environment and Director of Highways & Transport (copy appended to the signed minutes).

37.2 Mike O'Horan, Corporate Accommodation Lead, introduced the report and explained that fifteen representations had been received to the consultation, none of which supported the proposals. However, two representations were in partial support.

37.3 The Chairman permitted one of the consultation responders, Mr Kidd from the West Walls Residents Association, to speak for three minutes. Mr Kidd acknowledged the need for the County Council to make use of its assets, but did not approve of the scale of the parking charges. A request was made for officers to consider resident visitor parking for neighbouring properties. – *Mike O'Horan responded to the comments by stating it would be difficult to introduce a permit scheme that would deal with local properties equally. Mike O'Horan resolved to look into permit options, but explained this would not be part of the current proposal within the report. Miles Davy added that such a proposal had scope for discussion, but would require legal investigation.*

37.4 The Committee supported the proposal in the report, acknowledging that the County Council should be utilising assets for revenue income. The Committee requested that officers look into the permit proposal. – *Miles Davy explained that the surrounding parking zones would make it difficult to enforce a uniform policy. Miles Davy resolved to send zone data to the Committee members.*

37.5 The Committee queried if the Chichester Business Information District (BID) had responded to the consultation. – *Mike O'Horan reported that Chichester BID had commented during the parking forums, but had not responded formally to the consultation.*

37.6 The Committee highlighted that the electoral division section of the report should include Chichester South.

37.7 The Committee agreed to add an additional recommendation requesting that officers undertake further consultation into permit schemes following the representation that had been made.

37.8 Resolved – That the South Chichester County Local Committee;

- Authorises the Director of Law & Assurance to bring the Traffic Regulation Order into operation as advertised, by a majority vote.
- Requests that officers undertake further consultation into permit schemes following the representation that had been made, by a unanimous vote.

38. **Talk With Us Open Forum**

38.1 The Chairman introduced the item and advised that the open forum was an opportunity for comments and questions to be raised on items not already on the agenda, and over which the County Council has jurisdiction. The following issues were raised and responses made.

- A resident had submitted a question in advance concerning the Hornet Traffic Lights. – *The Chairman confirmed that this matter had been discussed during the Progress Statement item*
- A resident had submitted a question in advance concerning a proposal to hold a Car Free Day in Chichester. – *Members felt the proposal (to close Little London and Baffin's Lane Car Parks) felt like a large amount of work for a minimal reward. The success of the project would also be difficult to measure. Members recommended that the proposal was put to the Cabinet Member for Environment to discuss with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure.*
- A resident queried if free parking could be offered on remembrance Sundays. – *Paul Over and Miles Davy agreed to refer this to the parking forum for discussion.*
- A resident queried the timescales for the growth plans. – *Paul Over explained that the next stage was to appoint a development partner and that this stage was waiting on a closed court issue at central government. Southern Gateway was expected to be 4-5 years. Paul Jackson-Cole reported that the Northern Gateway was a long term ambition for the County Council and was in the early stages.*
- A resident asked if the £5m from Coast to Capital would be spent before the March deadline. – *Paul Over confirmed that plans were in place to spend the money, but could not give details due to commercial confidentiality.*
- A resident queried if the parking audit plans would liaise with the planning department. – *Miles Davy confirmed that there was constant dialogue with planning.*

39. **Nominations for Local Authority Governors to Maintained Schools and Academy Governing Bodies (SC10(18/19))**

39.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Education and Skills (copy appended to the signed minutes).

39.2 Resolved – that the following nomination for appointment under the 2012 Regulations be approved:

- Mrs Helen Magri to Chidham Parochial Primary School for a four year term

40. **Community Initiative Funding (SC11(18/19))**

40.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Law and Assurance (copy appended to the signed minutes).

40.2 Resolved -

(a) That the following awards be made:

- 297/SC - The Apuldram Centre, Go Gardening, up to £2,500.00 – Towards purchasing an additional transit van to expand its service within the local area.
- 310/SC – The Red Box Project Chichester & Midhurst, Little things make big differences, up to £96.00 – Towards purchasing red boxes and a donation point.
- 316/SC – Chichester Community Development Trust, Discover Your Future: Get Girls Going!, up to £1,500.00 – Towards the cost of IT equipment provision. This pledge is subject to the project receiving verification from Locality and the project's aims not changing significantly when it begins the fundraising stage.
- 317/SC – Oving Scarecrows, Oving Scarecrow Day 2019, up to £200.00 – Towards expansion of the event.

(b) That the following project be declined:

- 321/SC – Embrace Chichester, towards the cost of initial web design and publicity for a new community website providing information about local groups. The Committee has concerns that the website may be a duplication of existing resources. The group are encouraged to reapply at a future meeting and provide more detail on the information and networks that would be provided by the proposed website; and how this would provide benefit to the community.

41. **Items for Future Meetings**

41.1 The Chairman referred the members to the list of items that were proposed for the next meeting.

42. **Report of Urgent Action**

42.1 The Committee noted the urgent action decision that the Director of Law and Assurance had taken in consultation with the Chairman of the South Chichester County Local Committee and the Chairman of the Performance and Finance Select Committee.

43. **Date of Next Meeting**

43.1 The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 18 June 2019 in Committee Room 3 at County Hall, Chichester.

43.2 The Chairman raised the proposed date for the November meeting and the Committee agreed to have the meeting on Tuesday 5 November.

Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm