

STRATEGY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**3 April 2006**
6.00pm –7.26pm

PRESENT: Councillors Adigun-Harris, Barrett-Payton, Boyce, Bradnack, Durrant, Hymans, Phillips, Ward (Chair).

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Ian Nimmo-Smith, The Leader.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL**06/STR/11 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting on 23 January 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

06/STR/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

06/STR/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Boyce declared a personal interest re. 06/STR/22 as his place of work was close to the Cowley Road site.

06/STR/14 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present who wished to ask a question.

06/STR/15 STREET DRINKING AND ALCOHOL RELATED DISORDER *(See also Record of Decision 06/06)*

The Director of Community Services introduced the report and referred the scrutiny committee to paragraph 6 listing the available mechanisms to address street drinking and related anti-social behaviour.

As the recommendation in the report was left open for the Leader to decide, he confirmed that he remained opposed to Designated Public Places Orders (DPPO) as a way of dealing with alcohol related disorder. He was concerned about public reaction to, and the perception and expectation (in relation to enforcement) of, DPPOs. He was concerned that certain members of the Scrutiny Committee focused their points on 'street life' and DPPOs rather than all aspects of disorder arising from alcohol abuse. He was concerned by the commentary in the police report on night-time disorder.

He believed that the Council should await the measures contained in the Violent Crime Reduction Bill (see para 6.6-6.12 of the report), which would place new expectations on the licensed trade, to assist public authorities to manage the problems of alcohol related disorder. It should also re-promote the local byelaw first explored in 2003 (para 6.2 of the report). He stated that the Council should also look at Cumulative Impact Policy under the

provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 in relation to the city centre (how wide to be based on police evidence) and noting the developments at Grand Arcade and Bradwells Court. He supported the recommendations of the police (para 6 of its report) except for the establishment of a DPPO.

Councillors Boyce and Ward spoke against the introduction of DPPOs in the city.

Councillor Barrett-Payton supported the introduction of DPPOs on balance and was reassured by the fact that the Council would have the power to revoke any DPPO made. He did not believe the Council would have a realistic chance of getting the byelaw agreed by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. He was of the view that the s30 powers could not be continually renewed and the Council must do more to address the problems identified.

Councillor Bradnack stated that Labour members thought DPPOs remained appropriate. He did not think the Council had done enough over the last two years to adequately address the issues it faced in this area.

The Scrutiny Committee agreed the Leader's proposals by 5 votes to 1.

The Leader agreed the approach as mentioned above.

06/STR/16 **PROPOSALS TO INTRODUCE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING PARTNERSHIPS** *(See also Record of Decision 06/07)*

The Scrutiny Committee noted the tabled comments of the South Area Committee on 23 March as it had met after the officer report had been published.

Members of the Scrutiny Committee commented that to limit to 20 minutes the police session at an Area Committee was unrealistic. The Chair commented that this had come from the police, rather than the Council, and would be one of the issues that the pilot at North Area Committee would test out.

The Scrutiny Committee agreed the recommendations for the Leader by 5 votes to 0.

The Leader approved the recommendations.

06/STR/17 **SAFER CITY GRANTS** *(See also Record of Decision 06/08)*

The Scrutiny Committee noted that the police had withdrawn the £500 revenue bid for the Distraction Burglary Camera Scheme.

In response to a question from Cllr Barrett-Payton and noting the funding pattern of the last year, the Leader would consider whether Romsey Mill could be funded in other ways to applying to the Safer City fund.

The Scrutiny Committee agreed the recommendations, as amended, for the Leader by 6 votes to 0.

The Leader approved the recommendations.

06/STR/18 **GENERAL FUND – 2005/06 ESTIMATED REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTFLOW, CARRY FORWARDS AND SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES** (*See also Record of Decision 06/09*)

The Scrutiny Committee agreed the recommendations for the Leader by 5 votes to 0.

The Leader approved the recommendations.

06/STR/19 **OVERVIEW REPORT OF THE GENERAL FUND – 2005/06 ESTIMATED REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTFLOW, CARRY FORWARDS AND SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES** (*See also Record of Decision 06/10 and Recommendation to Council 20 April 2006*)

The Scrutiny Committee agreed the recommendations for the Leader by 5 votes to 0.

The Leader approved the recommendations for approval by Council.

06/STR/20 **LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT BOARD** (*See also Record of Decision 06/11*)

The Leader approved the appointment.

06/STR/21 **FORWARD PLAN - JULY MEETING**

The Committee agreed to pre-scrutinise the scheduled decisions on Safer City Grants.

06/STR/22 **RECORD OF DECISION - SPECIAL URGENCY**

The Committee noted the decision taken regarding an emergency stopping place for travellers, which had been reported to Council on 23 February.

The meeting ended at 7.26pm

CHAIR