

**CITY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

19 July 2006
(5.30pm – 7.00pm)

PRESENT: Councillors Boyce, Dixon (Chair), Hart, Holness, Hughes
Also present: Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources,
Councillor Cantrill.
Councillor C. Rosenstiel

06/CCD/01 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2005 were confirmed by the Scrutiny Committee and signed by the Chair.

06/CCD/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Hipkin and Holland (alternate).

06/CCD/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Dixon and Holness declared personal interests under the Code of Conduct for Councillors as they were respectively a recipient of, and contributor to, the Universities Superannuation Scheme.

06/CCD/04 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

06/CCD/05 GRAND ARCADE UPDATE

The Scrutiny Committee noted that the Lion Yard Car Park would not be completed until spring 2007 (the main reason for delay being archaeological work), and this would be of particular relevance for the Christmas trading period. The Council would undertake a similar strategy providing alternative arrangements for access to the city centre during the Christmas period. Members noted that there were lessons learnt following last year's access strategy which would be implemented.

In response to a question relating to the closure of the Lion Yard Car Park Annexe, the Scrutiny Committee noted that although it had originally been planned to close down in stages, the developers had now decided that it would be better operationally to refurbish in one stage. Members noted that the Head of Parking Services supported this approach and the Executive Councillor for Planning & Transport also agreed.

The Executive Councillor for Customer Services & Resources referred to the developer's request to rename the Car Park to 'Grand Arcade Car Park'. The Chair suggested that members consider the matter at a later date as the Chief Executive advised that he expected the developer would pursue the name change.

06/CCD/06 LION YARD DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

The Chair requested that the Scrutiny Committee refer to the public version of the report.

The Scrutiny Committee noted that the proposal, if planning permission was granted, would replace the current City Council public toilets and that these would become an on-going responsibility of Arlington's. Members asked the officers to note concerns over any new location to ensure accessibility for all; opening hours and the Council's requirement to influence these; and that the size and space compared favourably with the existing provision.

Action by: Head of Property & Building Services

Members noted that the Council's Medium Term Strategy (due to be considered by Council on 20 July) made provision for the Council's financial contribution to the overall cost of the development.

06/CCD/07 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**Resolved -**

The Scrutiny Committee excluded the press and public under category 3 as defined in the Council's Constitution (and as defined in the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

06/CCD/08 LION YARD DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

The Scrutiny Committee noted the financial proposals and the advice of its consultants and the Director of Finance. The Head of Property & Building Services advised that further detail was required before firm recommendations could be put to Members. The recommendation 2.1a) was amended to insert the words 'in principle' between 'Council' and 'granting' and this was agreed.

The Scrutiny Committee supported the recommendations (as amended) for the Executive Councillor.

The Executive Councillor agreed the recommendations.

The meeting ended at 7.00pm.

CHAIR