

- **Date:** 20 March 2012
- **Paper Reference:** 2012-04-03-12
- **Venue:** Franklin's Gardens
- **Time:** 2.00pm

Present	In attendance
John Markham (JM) (Chair)	Peter Mawson (PM) - Chief Executive
John Weir (JW) (Vice Chair)	Roger Mendonca (RM) – Deputy Chief Executive & Chief Operating Officer
Cllr. Joy Capstick (JC)	Ann Batom (AB) – Head of Finances & Resources
Cllr. Richard Church (RC)	Adrian Arnold (AA) - Director of Planning Services
Cllr. Mary Clarke (MC)	Chris Garden (CG) - Director of Regeneration and Development
Cllr. Tim Hadland (TH)	Gail Mathers (GM) - Board Secretary
Cllr. Chris Millar (CM)	

1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Deirdre Newham, Cllr. Jim Harker, Gillian Rutherford and Charles Amies.

2. Declaration of Interests

- 2.1 JM declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as a member of the Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership Board and Northampton Waterside Enterprise Zone Board.
- 2.2 CM declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as Leader of Daventry District Council and member of the West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee.
- 2.3 JC declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as a member of the West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee and Northampton Borough Council

2.4 MC declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as Leader of South Northamptonshire Council, Chairman of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee and as a member of the SEMLEP Board.

2.5 TH declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as a member of the West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee, a member of Northampton Borough Council and as a member of the Enterprise Zone Board.

3. Minutes (Paper Reference 2012-03-03-01)

3.1 The minutes are **approved** as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 17 January 2012 subject to amendments.

Declaration of Interests

- *JM declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as a member of the Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership Board and Enterprise Zone Board.*
- *CM declared a personal non-prejudicial interest as Leader of Daventry District Council and member of the West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee.*
- The minutes are **approved** as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 15 February 2012.

4. Matters arising – None.

5. Chief Executives Report (Paper Reference 2012-03-05-01)

5.1 WNDC's remaining development control powers are being transferred to the local authorities at the end of the month. Since 2006 the Planning team has made an enormous contribution to the regeneration of the area and achieved much, ranging from process innovations such as the Planning Obligations Strategy and the Manual for Design Codes, to the processing and approval of many major developments.

5.2 A launch event of the Northampton Alive campaign was held at the Guildhall on 9 March which was very well received.

5.3 Through this scheme and working in partnership, the local authorities and WNDC have commenced an initiative to raise awareness, advocacy and interest in Northampton's key regeneration projects.

5.4 The Construction Futures scheme continues to be a key priority. It is the first of its kind in the UK and is being successfully promoted to local authorities across the region.

- 5.5 In January, Rt Hon. Vince Cable MP met students from our Construction Futures scheme at a housing development in Upton.
- 5.6 Earlier this month WNDC gave evidence to the Business Innovation and Skills Parliamentary Select Committee Inquiry into Apprenticeships. There was recognition that the method we have established for Construction Futures could be rolled out nationally and into other employment sectors.

The Board **noted** the report.

6. Finance (Paper Reference 2012-03-06-01 & 2012-03-06-02)

- 6.1 Capital Programme Summary Report - WNDC's capital programme allocation of £6.0M will be fully invested in local projects by 31 March 2012.
- 6.2 Management Report & Accounts - The financial statements for the period to 29 February 2012 were presented for information.
- 6.3 S106 Report - WNDC has received £6.4m of S106 monies to date of which it has invested locally a total of £4.6m as at 29 February 2012.
- 6.4 Corporate Seal - A schedule showing the use of the Corporate Seal since the last meeting was presented.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD:

- **Approve** the report.
- **Note** the use of the Corporate Seal.

7. Regeneration & Development and Implementation & Delivery (Paper Reference 2012-03-06-02)

Northampton Programme

- 7.1 Progress continues to be made on each of the projects in Northampton Town Centre Programme.
- 7.2 CLG has confirmed approval to the proposed investment in the Grosvenor Greyfriars, Avon Nunn Mills and Waterside projects.
- 7.3 The Waterside CPO is on programme to be made in April.
- 7.4 There has been positive engagement with National Grid with regard to the future of the Gasholder site.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD:

- **Note** the progress that has been made on the Northampton Town Centre Programme.

Daventry Regeneration and Planning Overview (Paper Reference 2012-03-07-02)

7.5 This report sets out the progress being made on regeneration and planning projects in Daventry.

7.6 The Board noted that, following the withdrawal of the application for Village Green designation, a significant risk to the Daventry University Technical College has been removed.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD:

- **Endorse** the progress that is being made on regeneration and planning projects in Daventry.

Towcester Regeneration and Planning Overview (Paper Reference 2012-03-07-03)

7.7 Good progress is being made with regard to the delivery of the Towcester– Moat Lane project.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD:

- **Endorse** the progress that is being made on regeneration in Towcester town centre.

8. Planning (Paper Reference 2012-03-08-01)

8.1 AA introduced the report and provided a summary of WNDC's planning department since being established in 2006. Key points included:

8.2 Delivered 6,000 plus housing units

8.3 Delivered up to potentially 30,000 jobs

8.4 Secured over £50.0m through planning legal agreements

8.5 Developed positive working relationships with partners/stakeholders/local communities

8.6 Officers delivered high quality and professional service.

8.7 The Board expressed its appreciation to the Planning team for its dedication and professionalism and wishes all members of the team the very best for the future.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD:

- **Recognise and endorse** the achievements of the Planning Service of the Corporation over its 6 year existence.

9. Operations (Paper Reference 2012-03-08-01)

9.1 RM introduced the report and the following points were made in discussion:

Health & Safety

9.2 Nothing to report since the last Board meeting.

Planning Committees

9.3 The Corporation's planning powers will be returned to the local authorities on 31 March 2012. It is recommended that Board members agree to disband the Planning Committees it set up to exercise these powers on its behalf on this date. These being Northampton Area Planning Committee (NAPC), Daventry Area Planning Committee (DAPC) and Towcester Area Planning Committee (TAPC).

9.4 Noted all the work the Board members have done on the planning committees.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD:

- **Endorse** the report.
- **Disband** the Northampton, Daventry and Towcester Area Planning Committees.

10. There being no further business the meeting closed at 14:45.

Gail Mathers
Board Secretary

20 March 2012

Signed by the Chairman:

Dated: