

**Elections and Democratic Services
Committee Minutes 2002
Minutes Special Community and Economy Committee
6.45 pm, Thursday 19 December 2002 Town Hall, Penrith**

Present:

Councillor J M Smith (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs N Walker (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors

J Banks	A K Morgan
J J Moffat	R V Turner
T C Ladhams	C F Nineham

Lead Officer in Attendance: Mr S Huddart (Director of Technical Services)

Cec/91 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J M Holliday and N J Pemberton.

Cec/92 Eden Business Park

The Committee considered report TS204-02 of the Director of Technical Services updating Members on the latest position in respect of the proposed development of Eden Business Park and requesting them to consider proceeding with the scheme. Members were advised that the scheme has been subject to delays resulting from services and in satisfying the requirements of the Environment Agency. These issues have now been resolved but they have financial and operational effects on the future development of the project.

RESOLVED that:

- a. The Council should commit to Phase 1 of the project as set out in minute number ET/1421 of the Economic Development and Tourism Sub-Committee, June 2001, with the financial implications set out in report TS204-02 to this Committee, and subject to a successful applications to the North West Development Agency (NWDA).
- b. The revised estimates for the scheme costs should be included in its capital programme to be considered by Resources Committee in January 2003.
- c. The construction of a larger balancing pond be implemented in agreement with the Environment Agency.
- d. The Council should contribute £15,000 from the capital budget to the cost of a further joint study with the Environment Agency of the Thacka Beck catchment in order to determine the longer term strategic solution to the potential flooding threat to Penrith. The Council should enter into partnership with the Environment Agency and possibly others to implement any recommendations of the study.
- e. The Council should enter into a public/public partnership with the NWDA for financial support to construction costs in Phase 1.
- f. The Council should proceed to tender for the Phase 1 works.

Reasons for decisions

- a. Economic Development and Tourism Sub-Committee June 2001, Report No TS 136-01 (Minute ET/1421)
- b. Economic Development and Tourism Sub-Committee February 2002, Report No TS59-02 (Minute ET/506)
- c. Environment Agency requirements.
- d. Planning consent conditions.
- e. Planning Policy Guidance Note 25: Development and Flood Risk (PPG 25)
- f. Corporate objectives of Council (DB01, DB02)

Other options considered

None

Cec/93 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, members of the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 5,7,8,9,10 and 12 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

The following minute Cec/94 contains exempt information as described in the relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and are excluded from this document by virtue of Section 100A of the Act. Below is a summary of these proceedings

Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement (Cec/94)(Paragraph 8)

The Committee considered report PO115/02 of the Director of Planning Services detailing the competitive tenders received for off street and decriminalised on street parking enforcement. Members were requested to consider the tenders submitted and the issues concerning the proposed scheme and to decide how they wished to proceed.

The Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting for this agenda item and to give further consideration to this matter at a reconvened meeting on 9 January 2003.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm