

At a MEETING of the **DUNDEE CENTRAL WATERFRONT PROJECT PARTNERSHIP BOARD** held at Dundee on 8th September, 2008.

Present:-

Councillor Kevin KEENAN, Dundee City Council
Councillor Fraser MACPHERSON, Dundee City Council
Mr Mike GALLOWAY, Director of Planning and Transportation, Dundee City Council
Mr Doug GRIMMOND, Director of Economic Development, Dundee City Council
Ms Jill FARRELL, Scottish Enterprise Tayside (SET)

Also Present:-

Mr Fergus WILSON, City Engineer, Dundee City Council
Mr Les BANKS, Project Co-ordinator, Dundee City Council
Mr Alan WATT, Director of Business Environment, SET

Councillor Kevin KEENAN, in the Chair.

I APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTES

Apologies were intimated from Councillor Morrow and David Dorward. It was reported that Councillor Keenan would substitute for Councillor Morrow for the purposes of this meeting.

II MINUTE OF MEETING OF 18TH APRIL, 2008

The minute of the above meeting was submitted and approved.

III DUNDEE CENTRAL WATERFRONT OPTION APPRAISAL DISCUSSION

It was reported that a report by the Director of Planning and Transportation on the Option Appraisal Process had been submitted to the last meeting of the Board. Following detailed discussion at that meeting, a number of amendments to the report and financial model had been made.

The Board approved the recommendations in the report, subject to these amendments.

IV IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

There was submitted and noted a report detailing progress to date with regard to Design Work, Infrastructure Works, Development Works, the Wider Waterfront, Studies and other matters.

V PHASE 3 - PHASING REVISION

There was submitted a report by the City Engineer detailing a number of changes to the programme of works to the Tay Road Bridge Ramps following discussions with BEAR and Scottish Gas Networks (SGN), in order to minimise disruption to peak traffic movement.

The Board agreed that:-

- (a) phasing be adjusted to have the East Dock Street reconstruction undertaken in advance of the demolition to the Tay Road Bridge Westbound Off-ramp;
- (b) BEAR procure the works in respect of the Trades Lane junction, and include it with the rest of their East Dock Street reconstruction, with the price being reported for approval in the usual way;

- (c) the contract be awarded for the Storm Water Tank with a view to this contract starting in January 2009. Tenders would be reported to Committee in the usual way in November and approval would not be sought until confirmation was received that Scottish Enterprise's contribution and all the funding was in place to complete the work to the Tay Road Bridge Ramps and the rest of Phase 3; and
- (d) the remainder of the Phase 3 works be prepared for tendering in early 2009.

VI FUNDING AND FINANCIAL MONITORING

There was submitted and noted an updated financial statement. It was reported that following discussion at the last meeting of the Board, provision had been made for the expenditure implications of relocating the Hilton Hotel and car parking provision at Discovery Point. Amendments had also been made in respect of Scottish Enterprise's contribution.

The Scottish Enterprise representatives made reference to a recent economic impact assessment study carried out, which, notwithstanding the current economic situation, indicated very considerable benefits to the region in terms of employment and financial benefits in general.

VII AUDIT SCOTLAND REVIEW

There was submitted a report by the Director of Planning and Transportation prepared following a report in June 2008 by Audit Scotland on the City Council's Project Management arrangements, including the Dundee Central Waterfront Project.

The report detailed the issues raised by Audit Scotland and the response and action agreed with the Director of Planning and Transportation, together with the timescales for such action.

The Board noted accordingly.

VIII CITIES GROWTH FUND ANNUAL REPORT

There was submitted an annual report by the Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Director of Planning and Transportation with regard to the grant from the Cities Growth Fund, summarising all the projects to date and income expended on these projects.

The Board agreed to endorse the 2007/2008 Cities Growth Fund Annual Report, and noted that it would be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee of the City Council.

It was also agreed to continue the practice of preparing an annual report, including financial planning, and to submit this to the City Council's Policy and Resources Committee on an annual basis.

IX MARKETING UPDATE

The Director of Economic Development advised that the Waterfront Brand continued to be developed. The website had been updated and was attracting a lot of interest.

A PR campaign over the following six months was being proposed. One of the main purposes of this would be to plan and communicate traffic issues arising from the progress of the development.

A stakeholder meeting had been held in August, with very positive feedback. No site specific marketing had been done at this stage, but there were strong indications of interest.

The importance of keeping stakeholders and the business community in general apprised of developments was stressed.

X STATION STUDY

The Director of Planning and Transportation advised that it had been hoped that a report on the second stage of the study would have been available. However, there had been a delay on the part of the consultants which he was urgently addressing, as this information was required in order to lobby the Scottish Government.

XI FOOTBRIDGE AT SEABRAES YARD

It was reported that a study had been commissioned from the consultants undertaking the Station Study to advise on how to progress the idea of a new footbridge over the railway roughly at the Tesco car park entrance to Seabraes Yard and the link to Perth Road.

It was reported that there were significant technical problems with this project, particularly with respect to disabled access, but it was seen as achievable in the medium term. The Board expressed the view that the quality of the proposal should not be sacrificed in order to achieve a short-term solution. The Director of Planning and Transportation advised that he would report back to the Board once the consultant's study was complete.

XII DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 1st December, 2008 at 12.30 pm in Conference Room A.