

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY IMPLEMENTATION EXECUTIVE
MEETING HELD ON 20 MARCH 2008 AT 12 NOON**

PRESENT:

Bridgnorth District Council	Mr C Taylor, Mr M Whiteman
North Shropshire District Council	Mr D Davies
Oswestry Borough Council	Mr B Ashton, Mr K Barrow, Mr D J Lloyd
Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council	Mr M Kenny, Mr P A Nutting, Mr D Roberts
Shropshire County Council	Mrs J Barrow, Mr P Box, Mr G L Dakin, Mr E J Everall, Mrs E A Hartley, Mr J Hurst-Knight, Mr A N Mosley, Mr M J Owen, Mrs E A Parsons, Mr M G Pate (Chairman), Mr P F Phillips,
South Shropshire District Council	Mrs H M Kidd, Mr M Taylor-Smith.

OFFICERS:

Carolyn Downs – Chair of JIT
Laura Rowley – S151 Officer
Claire Porter – Legal Advisor and Monitoring Officer
Richard Thomas – Democratic Services Manager

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from: Mrs B Craig, Mrs C Motley, Mr D Minnery, Mrs E Yeomans, Mrs J Jones, Mr C J Mellings, Mrs G Ellis.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

3. LOGO FOR SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Consideration was given to the report, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes, setting out the process for involving a wider range of people in the design of the logo for the new Council, as requested by Members at their last meeting.

There was general agreement about the new Council needing a logo which was simple, memorable, inclusive, non dating and cost effective and that the County Council's Design Officer should produce a small number of logo options based on the traditional County shield one of which should include the former Latin motto. However, with regards to the proposal to invite schools and colleges to participate in a design competition, it was felt inappropriate to invite all the secondary schools and Further Education colleges to engage in the process. Similarly, the alternative of inviting only Thomas Adams School, Wem, as the County's only Media Art Specialist College, was not favoured either.

After a full discussion, Members felt that those secondary schools with relevant specialist status Sixth Forms and colleges of Further Education should be invited to participate on the basis of a detailed design brief, subject to the process being completed within three months.

Resolved:

- a) that the County Council's Design Officer be requested to produce a small number of logo options based on the traditional County shield, one of which shall include the Latin motto;
- b) that in addition, all secondary schools with relevant specialist status Sixth Forms and Colleges of Further Education be invited to submit design ideas for a new logo;
- c) that these schools and colleges be informed that their submissions must be received by no later than 30 June 2008 and that the final decision will rest with Members.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

4. Resolved:

That, in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.4(3) of the Council's Access to Information Procedural Rules, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following items.

5. DITHERINGTON FLAX MILL; DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS

Carolyn Downs explained that Shrewsbury & Atcham Borough Council was now at a crucial point in relation to the Ditherington Flax Mill. She advised that the conversion and reuse of this building, together with the redevelopment of the industrial uses around the site for housing, would act as a major catalyst to

the regeneration of Shrewsbury's northern corridor and it would also demonstrate the ongoing ambition for Shrewsbury to be a forward-looking, sub regional centre, consistent with its new growth point status.

She explained that a need for an urgent decision arose from the adjournment of a Compulsory Purchase Order Inquiry at which the Inspector had given the Borough Council until 31 March 2008 to demonstrate its ability to engage a suitable developer to implement an appropriate redevelopment scheme and also demonstrate that it had the means to acquire an alternative site on which to relocate the Arriva Bus Garage.

As proceeding with the Compulsory Purchase Order would potentially require the Borough Council to earmark capital receipts and would also bind the new Unitary Council, as the Borough's successor, the approval of the Implementation Executive was required.

Members were informed of the Capital Costs involved and noted that the worst case scenario had revenue implications of £95,000 per annum.

A number of Members commented on the time it had taken to reach this point and encouraged their colleagues to support the proposal. In doing so, Mr A N Mosley requested that, as the County Councillor for the area, he be appointed to serve on the Steering Group overseeing the project.

Resolved;

- a) that the action proposed by Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council to make the land at Harlescott, shown as Site A on Plan 2, available for the relocation of the Arriva Bus Depot from Spring Gardens be approved, but should an alternative site be found, the receipt from its disposal be earmarked to fund the relocation costs;
- b) that the action proposed by Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council to earmark the receipt from the disposal of Site B on Plan 2 to fund Arriva's relocation costs be approved;
- c) that the revenue implications of Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council allocating up to a further £2m capital from its reserves be accepted;
- d) that the feasibility of a contribution to the relocation costs not otherwise met by A-C above being met from Shrewsbury New Growth Point Capital Funding be investigated;
- e) that Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council be authorised to proceed with the Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire the Arriva Depot site;
- f) that the remaining land within the CPO, sites A, B and D, be acquired to contribute to the overall Scheme;
- g) that the Officers continue to participate in discussions with English Heritage and Urban Splash with a view to entering into a development

agreement at the appropriate time;

- h) that arrangements be made for the Implementation Executive to visit the site and for the local County Councillor, Mr A N Mosley, to be appointed to the Sterring Group

6. SALE OF LAND AT PHASE II LUDLOW ECO PARK, LUDLOW

Carolyn Downs reported the details of the proposed sale which she explained was in keeping with South Shropshire District Council's present responsibilities and consistent with the legal agreement with Advantage West Midlands for which the Unitary Council would ultimately become responsible.

Resolved:

That the disposal of land at Phase II, Ludlow Eco Park, Ludlow be approved on the terms reported.

7. PURCHASE OF LAND AND ACCESS FOR OSWALD PARK ACTIVE LIFESTYLE CENTRE

Carolyn Downs presented the report, a copy of which is attached to the signed minutes. Members noted that the purchase of the land and access for the Oswald Park Active Lifestyle Centre had been in progress for more than 12 months. Oswestry Borough Council had now reached agreement with the other parties to the transaction and expected to be in a position to exchange contracts before the end of March 2008.

Resolved:

That the Implementation Executive accede to Oswestry Borough Council's request to purchase the site and associated access for the Oswald Park Active Lifestyle Centre on the terms reported.

Chairman

Dated