

**Shepway Economic Regeneration Partnership  
Regeneration and Planning sub-group meeting  
Tuesday 28th April 2009  
Held at Smith-Woolley & Perry Offices, Folkestone**

Present: Philip Carter (Chair): Peter Hobbs: Roger Joyce: Charles Evans:  
Mike Simmonds: Chris Lewis: Jeremy Whittaker

PC welcomed all attending and thanked CE of Smith- Woolly & Perry for his generosity in making the board room available and providing a splendid sandwich and trimmings lunch.

Minutes:

1. Minutes of the last meeting on 3 March were approved.

2. **Matters arising:**

CL reported that the proposal for a revised order of the Development Committee meetings was now being considered as part of a review of their constitution. This should go forward to the Full Council in May but PH agreed to check this with Alistair Stewart and Jeremy Chambers and report back.

**SFRA update**

CL reported this is being signed off by the consultant but had yet to be presented to full Council. He will arrange for a presentation at the next meeting of this group in May.

3. **Planning control update**

CL reported that applications were down 24% on the previous year but that the situation remained unpredictable. Fee income has increased (partly due to some large applications)

In overall terms his performance has improved all round:

- Major applications 62% (2008) 73% (2009)
- Minor applications 66% (2008) 73% (2009)
- Others (domestic) 80% (2008) 90% (2009)

CL also confirmed that SDC has a target of 8 weeks turnround – from date of application receipt.

4. **Planning updates**

CL reported on the latest situation regarding the GSE/Hythe Imperial application and the applicant had been asked to review various elements of their application.

5. **Folkestone Parking update**

Stakeholder consultation on the Folkestone West parking zone proposals took place on 24 April and members of SERP were present. Recommendations were made at this meeting for the original plans - Folkestone West Parkway (car/rail interchange with a 496 car park) to be reinstated soonest.

**6. Employment Land Review**

A presentation of this Review was provided by JW

**7. Retail Developments**

CL requested from PH details of the proposals put forward recently by the Folkestone Artists Cooperative.

Date and Time of next meeting to be agreed by email.