

At a MEETING of the **DUNDEE CENTRAL WATERFRONT PROJECT PARTNERSHIP BOARD** held at Dundee on 18th June, 2007.

Present:-

Councillor Joe MORROW, 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
Mr Steve CARTER, SET
Ms Nickie Axford, SET

Also Present:-

David DORWARD, Depute Chief Executive (Finance), Dundee City Council, and Les BANKS, Project Co-ordinator, Dundee City Council

Councillor Joe MORROW in the Chair

I MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Macpherson was welcomed to his first meeting of the Partnership Board and members introduced themselves.

II MINUTE OF MEETING OF 26TH MARCH 2007

The minute of the above meeting was submitted and approved.

III MATTERS ARISING

With reference to Article 4(a) of the minute it was reported that the Scottish Executive had indicated that they did not propose to disband the Joint Board.

IV SITE 2 PROGRESS REPORT

The Director of Planning and Transportation gave a brief update regarding the interest expressed by Duncarse Limited in Site 2. It was agreed that a full report be submitted to the next meeting of the Board on 10th September.

V HM UNICORN FEASIBILITY STUDY

On a reference to Article III of the minute of meeting of the Board on 4th December 2006 there was submitted a report by the Director of Planning & Transportation advising that the Unicorn Preservation Society was seeking partnership match funding to undertake a technical feasibility study and a business plan and had approached the City Council and SET.

It was agreed that the Central Waterfront Project offer a contribution of £5,000 towards these studies.

VI CITIES GROWTH FUND REVIEW AND ANNUAL REPORT

(a) CITIES GROWTH FUND - INTERIM EVALUATION

There was submitted a report by the Director of Planning & Transportation summarising the Interim Evaluation of the Executive's Cities Growth Fund in relation to Dundee.

It was noted that whilst there were some criticisms of how Dundee's project related to the vision and concern about delivery/programme delays, the general tenor was positive. With the uncertainty of how this funding stream might be viewed by the new Hollyrood administration the virtues highlighted by this evaluation would need to be stressed in a variety of forums targeting both Scottish Executive Officers and Ministers to try to ensure continuation of the project.

The Chairman advised that he would arrange a meeting in the near future to discuss how this might be progressed. This group would consist of the Chairperson, Councillor Macpherson, the Director of Planning & Transportation, the Director of Economic Development, Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Steve Carter.

(b) **CITIES GROWTH FUND ANNUAL REPORT, JUNE 2007**

There was submitted a joint report by the Director of Planning & Transportation and the Depute Chief Executive (Finance) giving an update on progress made during the year 2006-2007 with the implementation of Dundee's Central Waterfront Project and how the grant monies provided from the Cities Growth Fund had been utilised.

It was noted that this would be submitted to the Scottish Executive.

VII FUNDING AND FINANCIAL MONITORING

There was submitted an updated financial statement. It was reported that, should the outcome of the spending review be not favourable, alternative sources of funding would require to be sought. The Director of Planning & Transportation advised that consultants would report on engineering and phasing issues in the near future which would enable the project to react quickly once the funding information was made available.

VIII IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted and noted an Implementation Progress Report giving an update on Design Works, Infrastructure Works and Development Works and Studies.

IX MARKETING UPDATE

There was submitted and noted a report by the Director of Economic Development giving a progress report on marketing.

It was agreed that the Lesley Riddoch DVD be circulated to members of the Board.

X DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10th September 2007 at 12.30 p.m.