

City of Durham

At a Meeting of the **CABINET** held in the Gala Theatre, Durham, on Monday, 12th November, 2007, at 1.00 p.m.

Present: Councillor Reynolds (in the Chair)
and Councillors Bell, Dickie, Jackson, Pitts, Rae, Southwell, Thomson, van Zwanenberg and Woods.

Also Present: Councillors Bartle, Marsden, Plews, Robinson, Stoddart, Turnbull and Wilkinson.

334. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Bell, Reynolds and Southwell and the Chief Executive declared a personal interest in Minute 339, The Transfer of the Council's sites that may have regeneration potential to Durham Villages Regeneration, and remained in the Meeting during consideration thereof.

335. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

336. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd October, 2007, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Portfolio Member Recommendations or Items Requiring a Cabinet Decision

337. DESIGN BRIEF & FORMER ICE RINK

The Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Regeneration and Head of Planning Services submitted a comprehensive report to endorse the principles and parameters for development of the site as outlined in the report of external consultants (EDAW) appointed jointly by One NE (funding partners for Durham City Vision) and City of Durham as Planning Authority.

Resolved: (i) That the approach and its objectives be endorsed.

(ii) That the site appraisal, the pertaining policy framework and the key issues and opportunities be acknowledged.

(iii) That the design principles and parameters set out in the draft brief be accepted.

338. IN PRIVATE

Portfolio Member Recommendations or Items Requiring a Cabinet Decision

COUNCILLOR REYNOLDS VACATED THE CHAIR

COUNCILLOR WOODS IN THE CHAIR

339. THE TRANSFER OF THE COUNCIL'S SITES THAT MAY HAVE REGENERATION POTENTIAL TO DURHAM VILLAGES REGENERATION

Cabinet on 23rd October, 2007, resolved to transfer a number of parcels of land owned by the Council to Durham Villages Regeneration Ltd.

The Deputy Leader and Director of Strategic Services submitted a comprehensive report listing sites where further opportunities for future regeneration activity might (or might not) be available through Durham Villages Regeneration Limited.

Note: Councillor Bell requested that it be recorded in the Minutes that Group Leaders had not been advised of the details of sites identified for transfer to Durham Villages Regeneration Company Limited, prior to their inclusion on the list for consideration at Cabinet.

Resolved: That the freehold sites, as detailed on the circulated list, be transferred to Durham Villages Regeneration Limited.

The Meeting terminated at 1.25 p.m.

Chairman