

# Overview & Scrutiny Task Group Meeting Notes



<b>Review topic</b> BRS Working Group	<b>Date of Meeting</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2018

<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>Members:</b> Cllr Marshall Cllr O’Hagan Cllr Boyle Cllr Ball Cllr Ray Cllr Smith Cllr Warfield <b>Apologies</b> Cllr Strachan  <b>Officers:</b> Craig Jordan Helen Bielby Christine Lewis  <b>Advisors:</b> Andrew Hayward – BHB Architects Andrew Buckman – Kingstons CPC David Crump – Greenwoods Projects	Committee Room

<b>Areas Discussed</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Declarations of Interests</li> <li>• Updates following the previous meeting were given and it was noted that a contractor had been to assess the former Tempest Ford site regarding the removal of tanks and remedial works and Officers were awaiting report. It was also reported that the demolition of the Police Station had been investigated further and it would require a full tender process but would be a separate contractor and not a developer. The group were reminded that as the site is in a conservation area, planning permission would be required for demolition that included a plan for what would be developed in its place. It was advised that the Conservation Officer may not find plans for a temporary</li> </ul>

development acceptable and would want the final site proposals to recommend approval for any such application.

There had been instances of people accessing the Tempest Ford site but it had now been made secure and no damage had been caused.

- The Group received a presentation on defining a vision and a strategy which could help inform the development of a masterplan for the redevelopment of the Birmingham Road site. It was emphasised that this should look at the wider city centre to ensure that any scheme for the BRS could be optimised. Some Members felt any such exercise should include sites outwith the city centre including for example at Trent Valley however it was reported that whilst those sites were important the focus should be on the city centre given the physical location of the BRS and the clear emphasis of national and local guidance in directing services and facilities to city centre locations where possible. It was advised that it would be unlikely that there would be a conflict of desired development between the city and out of city areas as the market was showing that leisure offerings were working well in cities and more bulky retail and office offerings were more successful out of town.

The Group felt there was a need for a greater balance of activities for younger people and families but to also keep the essence of the historic centre of the city.

## Outcomes

It was agreed that a vision and a strategy for the city as a whole was required as this would help inform what would best suited for development on the BRS site.

## Further Work Required/Next Steps:

The next meeting will be a workshop type meeting developing a SWOT analysis along with Members top desires to be seen in the city and BRS site.

The group will meet again on the 13 November 2018.

