

MINUTES
ALT/SHOLVER PARTNERSHIP BOARD
CIVIC CENTRE
10th MAY, 2007

PRESENT:

Cllr Dave Hibbert, Cabinet Member for Regeneration
Clifford Leach: Alt Tenants and Residents' Association
Sheila Fletcher: Alt TRA
Sue Ingham: Sholver Tenant Management Organisation
Amit Khan, Alt Local Business Member
Cllr Hugh McDonald, Alexandra Ward
Cllr Jackie Stanton: St James Ward
Cllr Roger Hindle: St James Ward
Joanne Bentley: FCHO East Area Services Manager
Nick Cumberland: HMR Regeneration Officer
Kevin Clarke: Alt / Sholver Project Officer
Zerg Raja: Alt / Sholver Consultation Officer

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Hazel Shaw – PCT
Mark Glynn – HMR Team
Mark Reynolds, OMBC Strategy

2.0 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28TH MARCH, 2007

Agreed as accurate by Cllr Hugh McDonald

3.0 MATTERS ARISING

KC advised of the delay in demolition of the void flats on Alt. **CL** raised concern over the mess already being created as a result of the prep work started by the utilities agencies. **ZR** advised he has also been made aware of the issue through a home visit to a resident on Cherry Avenue. **HM** highlighted, similar difficulties experienced by other local authorities.

Agreed: **KC** will contact relevant officers to ensure the demolition is progressed as quickly as possible.

Supported by:

Alt Tenants and Residents Association. Sholver TMO.

KC advised that discussions around procurement of developers, is progressing and resident stakeholders will be involved at key stages.

4.0 Consultation Process for Preferred Option

KC updated the meeting on changes to the consultation process and gave reasons why the presentation of the Preferred Option for each area will not now take place in May 2007 as had been intended.

Drafts of the preferred options have triggered a number of discussions among key partner stakeholders around a range of major issues for the council and it's partners, eg the need to ensure that Borough wide regeneration activities are coordinated to limit unnecessary disruption to residents. Plans are also underway on :

- PFI 4, (Crossley, Primrose Bank etc)
- New Deal for Communities (Hathershaw, Fitton Hill etc)
- Ongoing projects in Derker and Werneth

All of these schemes need to be considered in tandem to ensure that sufficient finance is in place to fund the regeneration plus financial compensation where this becomes necessary.

Moreover, the council has a range of other responsibilities around the Building Schools for the Future and Town Centre Regeneration. There is continuing confidence that Alt and Sholver will "stack up" financially amidst these priorities, but there is further work to do before proposals can be presented to the board.

In the meantime, staffing resources to deliver the more intensive information sharing / consultation activities are currently being identified through the HMR teams. Once staffing has been agreed the consultation framework agreed at the previous Partnership Board meeting will be put in place.

Referring to his report 'Consultation Process for Preferred Option Stage' KC reviewed the intended 'Form of Consultation' as detailed below:

- A detailed information pack for all residents.
- 1:1's / group meetings (up to 6 residents)
- Consultation Events at local schools (staged alongside community engagement agencies e.g. OPAG and Groundwork)

Supported by:

Alt Tenants and Residents Association. Sholver TMO.

- “Surgery” evening sessions at Housing Office / TRA (within short timescale of event)
- Follow-up door-knocks with packs for residents who have not engaged
- Ongoing advice work re compensation / process

AGREED: After discussion, DH confirmed the Board is in agreement with the form of consultation as detailed above.

Discussion Points :

JB suggested that pre-planning of consultation in relation to the overall timescales up to 2008 would add to the effectiveness of consultation at each key stage.

KC agreed that once clarity has been reached on Partners’ commitment to the ASP project, the key consultation points would be incorporated into the programme planner, which is currently being developed by ZR.

SF raised concerns over the delay in presenting the Preferred Option to the community.

JS agreed a need to update residents on the reasons for the delay.

KC explained that Groundwork leaflet has been used for update article at Alt. No such facility currently available at Sholver.

AGREED

To continue to use local newsletters at Alt whenever possible to provide updated information.

If no progress by July, delivery drop will be delivered to Sholver to keep residents informed.

AP raised the concern that the Partnership Board has not yet had an opportunity to view the referred options, even in draft form.

5.0 BOARD TERMS OF REFERENCE

KC confirmed the increasing level of sensitivity and confidentiality required from all those involved with the ASP project as we progress towards and move beyond the preferred options.

Supported by:

Alt Tenants and Residents Association. Sholver TMO.



Agreed: The terms of reference for the Board will be developed by KC and presented to the Board for agreement.

DH requested that reports which, require consideration and decisions by the Board, be available to the Board at least one week prior to the appropriate meeting.

6.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

7.0 Date And Time Of Next Meeting

14 June 2007 at 5.45 pm.

Supported by:

Alt Tenants and Residents Association. Sholver TMO.

