

RESPONSE FROM CABINET – 28TH MAY, 2008

POLICY REVIEW – STUDY INTO PUBLIC REALM AND STREETSCENE

Report of the City Solicitor

1. Why has this report come to the Committee?

- 1.1 To provide feedback from the Cabinet meeting held on 28th May, 2008, which considered the Review Committee's Policy Review, "Study into Public Realm and Streetscene".
- 1.2 To receive feedback from Richard Smith, Living Streets on the community audit events organised as part of the study.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 28th May, 2008, gave consideration to the Review Committee's Policy Review examining the condition of public realm and streetscene in the City and a number of recommendations for its improvement.

3. Response from Cabinet to the Policy Review

- 3.1 The Cabinet accepted the findings and recommendations, save where there were any recommendations which had financial implications. The financial implications will be subject to the identification and availability of resources through the budgetary process.
- 3.2 Cabinet commended and congratulated the Review Committee and its Officers for their hard work in undertaking the Policy Review.

4 Feedback from Living Streets

- 4.1 As part of the study, the Committee commissioned Living Streets to undertake an audit public realm and streetscene in two locations within the city:-
 - High Street West and Union Street, Sunderland
 - Front Street, Concord, Washington
- 4.2 Mr Richard Smith from Living Streets has been invited to the meeting to briefly outline the main findings of the community walkabouts and answer any questions from members. A paper setting out details of the findings is attached.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The Cabinet hoped that the report would help the Council to build on the continuing improvements of public realm and streetscene that have already been made during recent years and looked forward to the roll out of the recommendations during the year ahead.

6. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Review Committee is requested to note the response of the Cabinet on the Policy Review examining the public realm and streetscene in the City.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Cabinet Agenda, 28th May, 2008.
- 6.2 A copy of the agenda is available for inspection from City Solicitor's or can be viewed on-line at:-

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/CmisWebPublic/Meeting.aspx?meetingID=796>

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