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**REPORT OF STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**


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**MEETING HELD ON 16 MAY 2007**


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Chairman: \* Councillor Marilyn Ashton

Councillors: \* Don Billson \* Julia Merison  
 \* Mrinal Choudhury \* Narinder Singh Mudhar  
 \* Keith Ferry \* Joyce Nickolay  
 \* Thaya Idaikkadar

\* Denotes Member present

[Note: Councillors Navin Shah and Bill Stephenson also attended this meeting to speak on the items indicated at Minute 86 below].

**PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL**
**PART II - MINUTES**
**84. Attendance by Reserve Members:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that there were no Reserve Members in attendance at this meeting.

**86. Right of Members to Speak:**

**RESOLVED:** That, in accordance with Committee Procedure Rule 4.1, the following Councillors, who were not Members of the Committee, be allowed to speak on the agenda items indicated:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Item</u>
Councillor Navin Shah	Agenda item 9
Councillor Bill Stephenson	Planning application 1/01

**87. Declarations of Interest:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that there were no declarations of interests made by Members in relation to the business transacted at this meeting.

**88. Arrangement of Agenda:**

**RESOLVED:** That (1) in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the following agenda item be admitted late to the agenda by virtue of the special circumstances and grounds for urgency detailed below:-

<u>Agenda item</u>	<u>Special Circumstances / Grounds for Urgency</u>
Addendum	This contained information relating to various items on the agenda and was based on information received after the agenda's dispatch. It was admitted to the agenda in order to enable Members to consider all information relevant to the items before them for decision.

9.(a) References from Council and any other Committees or Panels	This report was not available at the time the agenda was printed and circulated as the reference from the Development Management Committee on 2 May 2007 required legal and financial clearance at a time which coincided with the deadline for the Strategic Planning Committee reports. Members were asked to consider this item as a matter of urgency as the reference from Council on 26 April 2007 was referred to the
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next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee.

(2) all items be considered with the press and public present;

(3) agenda item 9(a) be considered immediately after agenda item 13.

89. **Minutes:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Chairman be given authority to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2007 as a correct record once they have been printed in the Council Bound Minute Volume.

90. **Public Questions:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no public questions were put at the meeting under the provisions of Committee Procedure Rule 19.

91. **Petitions:**

**RESOLVED:** To note receipt of the following petition, which was referred to the Head of Planning for consideration:

- (i) Petition objecting to the intensity and density of developments submitted for the garage site next to the old Biro House site and Planning Application P/1228/07 – Land adjoining the Arches, Roxeth Green Avenue  
Councillor Mrs Kinnear presented the above petition, which had been signed by 83 people.

92. **Deputations:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no deputations were received at the meeting under the provisions of Committee Procedure Rule 17.

93. **Motion Regarding Development Control: Reference from the Meeting of Council held on 26 April 2007:**

The Committee received a reference from the Council meeting held on 26 April 2007 which requested that the following Motion in the names of Councillors Thaya Idaikkadar and Keith Ferry be considered:

“Council notes that both the Strategic Planning Committee and the Development Management Committee are quasi-judicial in nature. In the light of this it is important that all members of these committees should have equal and full access to any information and advice provided by officers and similarly for site visits, and this should take account of members’ work commitments and disabilities.

Accordingly, the Council agrees:

- To hold briefing meetings after normal working hours, not in any case before 6pm.
- To arrange site visits at times convenient to the majority of members and not dictated by the chair or members of the administration.
- To arrange site visits in a manner that cater for the access needs of all members.”

Having been put to a vote, it was

**RESOLVED:** That the motion be not adopted.

[Note: Councillors Mrinal Choudhury, Keith Ferry and Thaya Idaikkadar wished to be recorded as having voted for the motion to be adopted].

94. **Representations on Planning Applications:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that no representations in relation to planning applications on the agenda would be received.

95. **Planning Applications Received:**

**RESOLVED:** That authority be given to the Head of Planning to issue the decision notices in respect of the applications considered, as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes.

96. **Planning Appeals Update:**

The Committee received a report of the Head of Planning which listed those appeals being dealt with and those awaiting decision.

**RESOLVED:** That the report be noted.

97. **Member Site Visits:**

**RESOLVED:** To note that there were no Member site visits to be arranged.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 6.30 pm, closed at 8.57 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR MARILYN ASHTON  
Chairman