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CWR – Coitbury House Advisory Panel – notes and actions

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## **Meeting Information**

## Date, Time & Location:

Wednesday 17 October 2018. 13:00pm, St Giles, City Offices

#### **Attendees:**

Cllr Caroline Horrill (Chair)

Cllr Eileen Berry

Cllr Dominic Hiscock

Keith Leaman (City of Winchester Trust)

Veryan Lyons

Rachel Robinson

Sophie Kitson

Neil Aitken

Richard Wadman

### **Apologies:**

N/A

# **Agenda**

Topics:			
1.	- Advisory Panel Terms of Reference	For information	VL/RR
	and Membership		
	- Red line map*	For information	
2.	- Coitbury House Draft Brief	For discussion	VL/RR
	- Architect Draft Brief	For discussion	RW
	- Procurement Route	For information	RW
	- Estimated Timescales	For information	RW/RR
	- Possible Architects	For discussion	RW
3.	- AOB		All

<sup>\*</sup>Land registry freehold title plan replaces this, see Appendix A at the end of this document.

# Notes and actions from the meeting

Agenda	
item:	

Richard and Neil will put a 'marker' in the budget setting for the	ACTION
capital strategy that funds for the refurbishment will be necessary.	
incocasary.	
Project team to attach Coitbury House land registry details (to	ACTION
replace the 'red line map') to the notes and actions.	
The land registry document will also be sent to the architects.	ACTION
Agreement that the architects proposals should consider the two following scenarios;	COMMENT
One tenant across three or four floor plates,	
2. Up to four tenants (multi-let), which would require	
common areas and management of these areas.	4.071.031
The brief should clarify that WCC expect to see the architect's proposals have considered both scenarios (one tenant, or multi-	ACTION
let).	
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The panel agree that the architects brief should explain that proposals should include options for improving the roof.	ACTION
There is extensive discussion surrounding tenants, the panel are	COMMENT
informed that having four tenants instead of one reduces the	
risk of lost rent, but both options have advantages and	
disadvantages.	
The panel agree that both scenarios should remain an option.	RECOMMENDATION
The panel agree that the architects invited to submit a bid	COMMENT
should consider the Central Winchester Regeneration (CWR)	
<u>Supplementary Planning Document</u> (SPD) when creating their proposal.	
The project team and Richard inform the panel that the SPD is	
hyperlinked within the brief.	
The panel agree the main entrance will create a first impression	ACTION
for the rest of the building, this should be made clear in the brief	
and 're-design main entrance' should be changed to 're-model'.	
The panel agree it is acceptable that the approval of the	
Architects brief be reported to Cabinet on 31st October, instead	
of Cabinet (CWR) Committee on 27 <sup>th</sup> November to enable WCC	
to procure an architect sooner. Non-voting members will be	ACTION
invited.  The panel agree the architect's proposals should consider how	ACTION
The panel agree the architect's proposals should consider how the Coitbury House building interacts with the rest of the site	ACTION
and immediate surroundings and that this should be	
 incorporated into the brief.	
Extensive discussion surrounding car parking, some panel	COMMENT
members believe a small number of spaces is necessary to	
achieve higher rental rates, another member believes the vision	
in the SPD to remove inner-city car parking should be carefully considered.	
It is agreed that the project team will investigate the planning	ACTION

Land Life and a control of the control	
regulations around parking ratios.	
The project team will recirculate the updated documents to the	ACTION
panel once the amendments have been made.	
Veryan Lyons explains the procurement process; the existing	COMMENT
timeline is based on fees of up to £100k. In these circumstances	
WCC can directly approach a minimum of three architects to	
request proposals.	
If the fees are over £100k, WCC will go out to tender, this	
procurement method is much longer and will impact on the	
existing timeline.	
Veryan Lyons suggests that this should be considered when	
deciding which architects to approach.	
There is discussion surrounding architects; both large and	COMMENT
medium sized firms, who may be interested in the project,	
particularly if the Coitbury House refurbishment is viewed as an	
initial gateway into the wider CWR scheme.	
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It is agreed that Keith Leaman will provide a list of suggestions to	ACTION
project team, who will circulate with other panel members and	
officers for comment and agreement on a list of 5/6.	
Rachel Robinson flags that the existing timeline is based on	COMMENT
approaching up to 6 architects, anymore than this will require	
more officer time to evaluate the submissions.	
Cllr Horrill said the advisory panel members should have an	COMMENT
opportunity to meet the architects and ask any questions	
regarding their submissions prior to appointment.	
regarding their eaching prior to appearance.	
The project team will consider how this could be done and revisit	ACTION
the timeline accordingly.	
The panel recommend that the evaluation should be 60% quality	RECOMMENDATION
and 40% price.	RECOMMENDATION
Neil illustrates that this will require a Portfolio Holder Decision	ACTION
(PHD) notice and that the brief will need to include how the bids	ACTION
will be evaluated. (i.e. 60/40 quality price).	

# Appendix:

Appendix A: Land registry freehold title plan for Coitbury House:

