

PLANNING SUMMER SCHOOL – EXETER 2009

To confirm attendance by two elected Members at this year's Planning Summer School to be held 4 – 8 August 2009 at Exeter University

Recommendation: That two Members be nominated to attend this year's Summer School.

Resource Implications: Within existing budget for Member conferences.

1.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 Under the auspices of the Royal Town Planning Institute the Planning Summer School represents the national town planning conference for both elected Members and Officers.
- 1.2 For many years the Council has been represented at the Elected Members' School by two delegates. Nominations are now sought for attendance at this year's school to be held at Exeter University.
- 1.3 A copy of the programme together with study tour details is attached. Many of the issues are very topical in the context of Copeland.
- 1.4 In time honoured tradition, the delegates will subsequently present a report to the Panel.

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Appendix: Elected Members Summer School details

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ELECTED MEMBERS' SCHOOL 2009 - EXETER

FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Briefing Sessions

14.30-16.45

Making the most of Elected Members' School

17.00-17.30

Opening Address

20.00-21.00

Wine reception

21.00 onwards

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Association (PIPA)*

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

09.30-11.00

Paper 1 – Planning and propriety – behave yourselves!!

Jed Griffiths, Griffiths Environmental Planning

Paper 2 – Tourism and economic development

11.30-12.45

Choice of workshops

Workshop A – Living streets

Joshua Hart, Living Streets

Workshop B – Reducing the impact of development through sustainable design

Phillip Waddy, West Waddy

Workshop C – The Midland Hotel – the regeneration of an iconic building

*Sue Thompson, Friends of the Midland Hotel,
Morecambe*

Workshop D – Planning and politics – getting safely
involved in pre-application discussions
Geoff Cross, Geoff Cross Associates

14.15-15.30 Choice of workshops A-D (repeated)

16.00-16.45 Paper 3 – Community engagement
Ron Gorman, TOR

20.00-21.00 Evening paper – Climate change and flooding

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER
09.30-12.30 Delivering growth
Julie Bishop, Homes & Communities Agency

Delivering growth on the ground
Lee Bray, South Hams District Council

“The Pub is the Hub”
John Longdon, “The Pub is the Hub” Campaign

13.45-18.00 Choice of study tours
Dartmoor
Tiverton/Crediton
Exeter city centre regeneration
Haldon forest
*Click on Study Tours button (top left) to find full
information on each tour*

20.00-21.00 Evening paper – Eden - and afterwards
Mark Paterson, The Eden Project

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER
09.30-11.00 Paper 7 – Local government and leadership
Kevin Lavery, Chief Executive, One Cornwall

Local government structures
Professor Greg Lloyd, University of Ulster

11.30-12.45 Choice of four workshops
Workshop E – Heritage issues

Workshop F – Leadership

Workshop G – Transition towns - Totnes
Rob Hopkins, Transition Towns

Workshop H – Enforcement appeals
The Planning Inspectorate

14.15-15.30

Choice of workshops E-H (repeated)

16.00-16.45

Closing address

*Cllr Richard Kemp, Local Government Association
and Liverpool City Council*

Evening

Gala dinner

Hosted by Town & Country Planning Association

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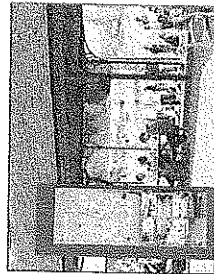
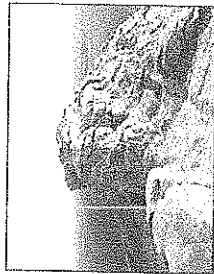
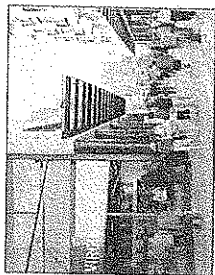
Study Tours

Dartmoor

The outstanding landscape of Dartmoor National Park will form the basis for a tour looking at the diverse issues of tourism. The National Park Management Plan, the historic use of the moor and the provision of affordable housing, it will target the National Park Authority's new visitor centre at Hatherly to view the sustainable construction techniques utilised. Travelling on to Widecombe-in-the-Marsh, you will visit the delivery of affordable housing via a some time spent assessing the relationship between the Core Strategy and the Management Plan. Please note this tour will involve some walking.

Exeter City Centre Regeneration

This involves a presentation on the origins of the Princesshay re-development scheme and will be followed by a tour of the scheme which was completed in 2007. It is a mixed use regeneration scheme designed by three architects and carried out in partnership between the City Council and Land Securities. It comprises 525,000 sq. ft. of floorspace, providing a department store, some 60 retail units along with 121 apartments, a Tourist Information Centre, Shopmobility facility and car park. The scheme is regarded by English Heritage as an exemplar.



Exeter City's West Quarter & Quay Side - A walking tour of the city's west quarter, which for several centuries formed the centre of the city's cloth trade. The tour will illustrate the area's changing fortunes, with some excellent restoration work. It will also review the outstanding restoration of one of the few surviving urban medieval walls built in Britain and the restoration of Exeter's Grade I listed Custom House along with a 20 Year programme of regeneration on the Quay side.

Exe Estuary Cycle Tour - The Exe Estuary Trail is a £10 million project to create multi use paths (pedestrian/cycle/equestrian) from the heart of Exeter along both east and western coasts to form part of the National Cycle Network. Its completion will represent an important tourist attraction, put some 80,000 residents within a cycle commute of the city & increase accessibility to this area of countryside. The tour will investigate issues involved in developing the routes and how planners & engineers worked with partners to progress. Attendees will benefit from seeing a live project & exploring the extensive consultation necessary within an environmentally sensitive area (taking in a SSSI, SPA and Ramsar site). Please note delegates must be able to ride a bike confidently and be reasonably fit.

Halloes Forest

This tour to the Forestry Commission's Halloes Forest Park and the Centre for Contemporary Art and the Natural World (CCANW) will explore pressures and economics of Forestry Management together with the impact of development and visitors' erosion. Halloes Hill, a designated SSSI, serves as a catchment area of almost 17 million people. The CCANW is about exploring new understandings of our place within nature. Park Gallery/Studio Trips will be an international exhibition of large scale contemporary art, portraits & films which revolve around water as both a resource and as a subject of self-reflection.

Study Tours Cont'd

Jurassic Coast - The World Heritage Site was designated in 2001. It is a unique stretch of coastline with outstanding geology representing 185 million years of the earth's history. It is proposed to explore the coast line by boat with a detailed commentary on the geological characteristics of the coast. The tour will also include visits to towns that act as key gateways to the World Heritage Site where participants will gain an insight into the redevelopment of sites linked with the proposed visitors' centres and the tourism benefits that WHS status brings.

Plymouth

Plymouth has ambitions to become one of the finest waterfront cities in Europe. The successful realisation of the vision is being driven through the award winning Local Development Framework. With the Core Strategy and three Area Action Plans now in place, the city has more adopted IPDs than any other local authority. The tour will hear from the City Council & will visit two major brownfield re-development sites with a representative of the Homes & Communities Agency and Royal William Yard, the mixed conversion of a Grade I listed building, yard with a representative of the developer British Splash.

Taunton - Taunton faces major growth pressures. The tour will consider how these can be accommodated through the regeneration of the town centre and the development of planned urban extensions. It will hear from a representative of Taunton Deane BC about how the vision for Taunton to become a 21st Century market town has been worked up and how it will be realised through the LDF. The Director of Project Taunton will explain the practical steps that are being put in place to secure the regeneration of the town centre, including the development of the Taunton Protocol to secure the highest standards of sustainability.

Tiverton/Crofton

Bob Parker, townscape architect, has seen the implementation of multi-phases of award winning regeneration schemes. The Crofton Town Square Scheme (Completed in the SW RIPA Planning Achievement Awards 2007) has seen the relocation of bus/rail station and the transformation of the area into a high quality public space which has significantly enhanced the Conservation Area. The Tiverton Palace Market Enhancement Scheme (Oxley Award Winner in the same Awards) has seen improvements to the street markets, awnings and their surroundings, resulting in a more viable trading space and a safer environment for shoppers.

Torbay - Is known as the English Riviera & has a history as a major tourist resort. The relative decline of this role & the closure of a number of major local employers has meant that the area now has one of the worst performing economies in the country. The tour will hear about the Mayoral vision & how this will secure lasting regeneration. There will be a visit to Living Coasts (a recently developed tourist attraction) with a chance to meet the penguins! A ferry ride across the bay to Brixham will take in the recently redeveloped fish market.

