

Agenda Item 35

Brighton & Hove City Council
For general release

Meeting: Culture Recreation & Tourism

Date: 14th November 2007

Report of: Acting Director of Cultural Services

Subject: Major Project Update Reports

Ward(s) affected: All

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To update the Culture Recreation & Tourism Committee as to the latest position of certain major capital projects that the Major Projects Sub-Committee oversees. The three projects which have the most direct bearing on culture and tourism in the city, are the Brighton Centre, the i360 and Circus Street. An update on Circus Street is being dealt with as a detailed report on the agenda. This report therefore covers the latest position on the Brighton Centre and the i360.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the sub-committee note the updates given in the table at section 4.

3. Contact Officer

- 3.1 Members can contact the named project managers directly if they have any detailed questions on individual projects.

4. Project Updates

Project Name	Project Manager Contact Details	Update
Brighton Centre	Jane Haviland (ext. 2557)	<p>The Client Briefs for the Convention Centre, Hotel and Sustainability were presented to and approved by Policy & Resources Committee on 26 July 2007. SEEDA has completed the Economic Appraisal for presentation to the Central Projects Review Group (CPRG) on 31 October. Schematic feasibility work is continuing to ensure that all Brief requirements are being met.</p>
i360 / West Pier	Scott Marshall (ext. 1100) Paula Murray (ext. 2534)	<p>The valuation on the land due for surrender has come in under £2million clearing the way for the surrender under Section 123 legislation in due course at the completion of the project.</p> <p>Following further detailed meetings with Marks Barfield Associates, we have resolved a number of issues and believe we are now close to receiving a commencement date from them. There are four areas under discussion: the finalisation of the Construction Environment Management Plan, the necessary licences for the construction period and operation, the Traffic Management Plan for the construction period and the separate list of consents listed in the Section 106. Sign off is needed in all of these areas prior to commencement. The financial backers of the i360 came to Brighton and Hove for a day of meeting key stakeholders and familiarisation with the city and the site; this was very successful. A brief has been tendered for the landscape design of the undeveloped seafront area around the i360 and bandstand. Discussions are being held with the West Pier Trust as to their wider aspirations for the site and adjacent landscape, in the context of this brief and the subsequent design development.</p>