

**NOTE OF MEETING AT SCC CIVIC CENTRE TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014  
CONCERNING STAGE 2 OF THE CASINO LICENCE PROCESS.**

**PRESENT:**

Richard Ivory	SCC Head of Legal and Democratic Services
Martin Grout	SCC Locum Licensing Officer
Emma Meredith	SCC Economic Development
Andrew Cotton	Solicitor for Kymeira
Pram Nayak	Lucent Group
Ann Bartaby	Terence O'Rourke
Julia Jardine	Terence O'Rourke

- Mr Nayak stated that they had been in discussions with all the 4 operators that submitted Stage 1 applications. The clear message that they have had from the majority of them is that they need a significant level of detail to be able to complete the Stage 2 application requirements, in particular there are detailed questions asking about the relationship between the proposed development and casino.
- He pointed out that the current timetable was set c. March 2013 and at a time when it was reasonably anticipated that the CLDA would be signed by no later than Sept 2013 and therefore the April 14 Stage 1 start was entirely sensible. However given the additional time required to deal with, amongst other things, Associated British Ports' points and Lucent Fund matters, the CLDA was not signed until late Feb 2014. The Casino timetable was however inadvertently overlooked and it was not until very recently that operators understood what was required at Stage 2.
- RPW (the Developer) is currently focussed on key obligations under the CLDA to move the Red Funnel ferry terminal to the Trafalgar Dock site. This is, he said, a fairly complex exercise and it is their priority obligation, along with land reclamation. The land reclamation area will house the commercial development including the casino. In addition they are reviewing and developing the indicative mixed use commercial scheme and have started market discussions. The Casino needs to dovetail into the scheme in terms of both masterplan and commercially and will need to therefore get the view of all potential operators on proximity/location.
- The original timetable set allowed for a c. 6 month period between the signing of the CLDA and the start of Stage 1, this time period is what they require currently to be able to work up a scheme with each operator to support their stage 2 submission. They would therefore hope that the council would be mindful to start the Stage 2 process in April 2015.
- Providing the additional time would ensure:
  - Robust and high quality proposals are provided that will better inform the Stage 2 scrutiny process and deal with a wide range of matters to a greater degree than is likely to be the case under the current timetable,

(and to ensure that the casino aspect of the development was effectively controlled in terms of any clear effective licensing conditions applied to a detailed comprehensive development )

- All proposals would be reviewed in advance by the Regeneration Team on the following basis:
  - The quality of the proposed development,
  - Planning considerations and
  - Proposals complied with any CLDA obligations, prior to the scrutiny of the Stage 2 Panel to ensure that each scheme met with licensing obligations.
- RPW would have a high degree certainty of being able to fund and deliver agreed regeneration outcomes via the final scheme with the operator selected by the Council's Licensing Panel.
- Each applicant has an equal chance to secure the award of a licence
- The council securing the greatest benefit to its preferred site from the licensing process