

THE PENTLAND HILLS REGIONAL PARK JOINT COMMITTEE

Pentland Hills Regional Park Headquarters and Visitor Centre Update

30 March 2006

Purpose of report

- 1 To report on progress of the Pentland Hills Regional Park new visitor centre and Park HQ at Flotterstone

Main report

- 2 Following approval by the City of Edinburgh Council's Executive at its meeting on 28th February 2006, a lease for the land required for the new park HQ and Visitor centre development has been agreed between the City of Edinburgh and Midlothian Councils.
- 3 Meetings with Officers from the City of Edinburgh Council, Midlothian Council and the Regional Park Manager and the University of Edinburgh and tenant farmer have also taken place. A lease, and or purchase of a portion of University of Edinburgh land in order to provide sufficient land for the development, including an extension of car parking and public transport options is to be agreed.
- 4 Midlothian Council's architects have prepared a draft masterplan and design of the building. Consultations with local residents and the Regional Park's Consultative Forum will be undertaken.
- 5 Consultants to produce a feasibility study and business plan for the proposed new development have been appointed and their report will be circulated to committee members at a later date.
- 6 The City of Edinburgh Council has allocated an additional £220,000 from its Capital Programme for the financial year 2007-08 to provide a base sum for the construction of the development. This is addition to the £160,000 previously allocated.

- 7 The Regional Park Manager has meetings planned with a number of potential major funders of the project and will report back to the committee the outcome of these meetings at a future date.

Recommendation

- 8 To note the position.



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Wards affected City-wide

Background Papers Available from Director of Culture and Leisure, 23 Waterloo Place