

City Centre Development Action Plan Monitoring – 28 January 2009

Rec. no.	Responsible officer	Recommendation	Timescale	January 09 Update
1	Dawn Hudd	That a specialist City Centre group is set up to coordinate the council's approach to the city centre and take forward the relevant recommendation in the Yellow Book report.	October 09	<p>Group meets bi-monthly and includes officers from Kent Highways, the police and Whitefriars.</p> <p>Key issues identified by Canterbury City Partnership:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Night time economy 2. Physical Public Realm Strategy for St George's 3. St Dunstons 4. Repainting of bollards and railings 5. Early morning access to the city <p>General day-to-day management</p> <p>The City Life – Balancing the Needs of the Local Community Scrutiny Review will also be considering the recommended actions from the Yellow Book report.</p>

2	Roger Vick	That public transport provision away from the city centre during the evenings, especially weekends is improved. Part of this improvement should include targeted advertising of transport options in evening entertainment venues such as pubs and clubs.	On-going	<p>The downturn in the economy has meant that the majority of players are withdrawing. Uni hopper is concentrating of Christchurch Students only and Stagecoach are not wanting to operate we are told beyond 2300hrs (lack of drivers).</p> <p>The taxi trade is, as before struggling and the only possibility is that one firm is looking at a business opportunity to provide a late night bus but nothing has materialised yet.</p> <p>The clubs face the same downturn and seem unable/willing as yet to put any additional investment in although we will be entering into further discussions with them.</p>
3	Dawn Hudd	That CCM consult city centre retailers, coffee bars and council services such as museums, regarding the feasibility of later opening hours during the week and at weekends.	Oct 09	Awaiting outcome of scrutiny reviews into the entertainment economy and city life - balancing the needs of the local community.
4	Policy and Improvement	That Culture@Canterbury , the Local Strategic Partnership culture sub group investigate the feasibility of locating a live music venue in Canterbury.	May 09	The Entertainment Economy Scrutiny Review is currently investigating the feasibility of a live music venue in Canterbury as part of its remit.

5	Viv Pritchard	That the council encourage the universities and/or student unions in their efforts to provide an evening bus service from city centre venues to locations of student housing and the universities themselves.	On-going	The Student Community Group has been identified as the Forum through which to deliver this action.
6	Steve Osborne	That the Neighbourhood Policing Implementation Board consider the development of a city centre PACT panel early in the neighbourhood policing roll out and has regard to the existing city centre consultation forum.		Completed
7	Policy & Improvement	The council adopt a city centre policy that sets out how the city will be managed and developed. This policy would be formulated and developed by the city centre group and guided by Members in association with key partners and stakeholders within the city centre, for example, City Centre Management and external stakeholders, such as the County Council.	October 09	The City Life – Balancing the Needs of the Local Community Scrutiny Review will be developing a set of recommendations for the development and management of the city centre. As part of the review the Panel will be consulting with stakeholders within the city centre and city centre users.