

Note of meeting between Cllrs Cowan, Cartwright, Jones and Vincent, Council officers and John Lewis/Westfield – 26 January 2015

Attendees:

Councillors: Cowan, Cartwright, Jones and Vincent

Council Officers: John Finlayson, Matt Butler and Kim Dero

John Lewis/Westfield: Jeremy Collins Property Director John Lewis
Westfield: Duncan Bower Director of Development
Stephen Wood Development Director

Agenda:

- 1.0 Introductions
- 2.0 LBHF objectives (Leader and Officers)
- 3.0 JLP Introduction and Objectives (John Lewis)
- 4.0 WSL Programme and Key Issues (Westfield)
- 5.0 Employment and Training (All)
- 6.0 Next Steps and A.O.B

Meeting Record:

- LBHF objectives
Councillor Cowan provided an overview of the administration's manifesto commitments as they apply to the proposed regeneration scheme. Want to tackle employment and retail is a good way to do this.
- John Lewis introduction and objectives
Hope to develop a healthy partnership with the Council. Employees tend to have a long career at John Lewis.
- Programme and Key issues
John Lewis targeted opening is for Christmas 2017.
- Employment and training
Westfield Phase 2 had started their employment strategy with the Council. Councillor Jones keen to tackle the problem of 'NEETS'.

End of meeting record.