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Tolmers scheme put on ice

THE COUNCIL'S latest multi-pound scheme to develop Tolmers Square — with the possible help of property tycoon, Joe Levy — has been mysteriously frozen.

The controversial scheme was suddenly withdrawn from the agenda of the council's development sub-committee on Tuesday at the last moment.

Planning chairman, Councillor John Lipetz, told the Journal: "So far we have looked at the scheme in purely financial terms. I feel the council should now look at it in planning and political terms."

Since the scheme was announced a year ago it has raised a storm of protest from residents who say it smacks of office speculation at the expense of housing.

Lipetz and other Labour councillors are also known to be unhappy with the scheme which incorporates 300,000 square feet of office space — 20 per cent more than another scheme from Levy that the council rejected three years ago.

Levy is now one of two developers tendering to handle the development.