

Environment Select Committee

A meeting of Environment Select Committee was held on Monday, 30th July, 2007.

Present: Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg (Chairman), Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Andrew Larkin, Cllr Roy Rix, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Mick Womphrey, Cllr William Woodhead.

Officers: S Daniels, A Gibson, J Robins, F Short (DNS); P K Bell, J Trainer (DNS).

Also in attendance: No other person was present.

Apologies: Cllr Mick Stoker Cllr Steve Walmsley.

ENV 4/07 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

ENV 5/07 **Draft minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2007**

Consideration was given to the content of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2007.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2007 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

ENV 6/07 **Review of Cemeteries and Memorials - The Management of Memorials**

As part of the Review of Cemeteries and Memorials - The Management of Memorials, Members had agreed at the meeting held on 18th June 2007 to visit Durham Road Cemetery. The site visit had taken place on 27th July 2007 and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent from the Chair on behalf of the Committee to Mr Thompson (Memsafe Ltd) and the relevant officers thanking them for the safety test and their time.

Members then received a presentation from Jayne Robins (Registration and Bereavement Manager) and Alan Gibson (Bereavement Services Officer). The presentation covered the following keys areas:-

1. Scope of the Review
2. Legal Issues
3. Existing Memorials
4. New Memorials
5. Unauthorised Memorials
6. Examples of Unauthorised Memorials
7. Operational Issues
8. Registration of Memorial Masons
9. Rules and Regulations
10. Operational Impact of Policy Change/s

Also in attendance to add comment and help answer any questions were Sue Daniels (Head of Performance and Business Services) and Fiona Short (Historic Buildings Officer).

Members were then given the opportunity to ask detailed questions and make comments on the presentation and site visit to Durham Road Cemetery.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. A letter of thanks be sent from the Chair on behalf of the Committee to Mr Thompson (Memsafe Ltd) and the relevant officers thanking them for the safety test and their time at the Durham Road Cemetery site visit.
2. The presentation be received.

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Work Programme 2007/08

Members were presented with the Work Programme for 2007/08.

CONCLUDED that the Work Programme 2007/08 be noted.