

Environment Select Committee

A meeting of Environment Select Committee was held on Wednesday, 19th December, 2007.

Present: Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg (Chairman), Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Andrew Larkin and Cllr Roy Rix.

Officers: P K Bell, N Hart, J Trainer (LD); B Brown (DNS).

Also in attendance: Dr A Craig (Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit - Waste Management Development Officer).

Apologies: Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Steve Walmsley, Cllr Mick Womphrey and William Woodhead.

ENV 27/07 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interest were declared.

ENV 28/07 **Minutes of the meetings held on 24th September 2007, 15th October 2007 and 29th October 2007 to be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

The minutes of the meetings held on 24th September 2007, 15th October 2007 and 29th October 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

ENV 29/07 **Draft Minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2007**

Consideration was given to the content of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2007.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meetings held on 19th November 2007 be forwarded to Council for consideration.

ENV 30/07 **Review of Waste Management and Recycling:-**

As part of the review of Waste Management and Recycling Members were presented with the Draft Communication Strategy. The Draft Communication Strategy covered the following keys points:-

1. Background to the review
2. Who the Select Committee should communicate and consult
3. How the communication and consultation should be carried out

A timetable, a draft communication and a draft questionnaire were attached to the Draft Communication Strategy for Members comments.

Members made some minor amendments to the above draft documents. It was agreed that draft questionnaire be amended and then signed off by the Chair.

Dr Andrew Craig (Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit - Waste Management Development Officer) was in attendance at the meeting to present evidence on the Waste Strategy 2007 and Tees Valley Joint Working. Dr Andrew Craig's evidence covered the following keys areas:-

1. Waste Strategy drivers and targets
2. Waste and climate change
3. Regional Waste Board
4. Tees Valley Joint Waste Management Strategy
5. Powers for "incentive" schemes in Climate Change Bill
6. "Post 2020" - long term perspective
7. Recycling targets to 2020
8. Recycling comparison SBC v HBC

Members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask Dr Andrew Craig questions on his presentation.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. The Draft Communications Strategy be noted.
2. The evidence presented by Dr Andrew Craig be received.

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To appoint a Task and Finish Group on Vermin Control

Members were asked to appoint to the Task and Finish Group on Vermin Control.

CONCLUDED that Councillor Dick Cains, Councillor Roy Rix and Councillor William Woodhead and Councillor Mrs Maureen Rigg as reserve be appointed to the Vermin Control Task and Finish Group.

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Work Programme

Members were presented with an updated Scope and Project Plan.

CONCLUDED that the updated Scope and Project Plan be noted.