

Environment Select Committee

A meeting of Environment Select Committee was held on Monday, 14th January, 2008.

Present: Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg (Chair); Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Roy Rix, Cllr Michael Smith, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Steve Walmsley and Cllr William Woodhead.

Officers: R Bradley, S Daniels, A Gibson, J Robins (DNS); P K Bell, J Trainer (LD).

Also in attendance: No other person was in attendance.

Apologies: Cllr Andrew Larkin, Cllr Mick Womphrey.

1 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

2 **Draft minutes of the meetings held on 19th December 2007**

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

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

3 **Management of Memorials - Action Plan**

Members were presented with Management of Memorials Draft Action Plan. The Draft Action Plan detailed the original recommendation made by the Committee, proposed action/progress, success measures, responsible officer and the dates for completion/implementation.

The Head of Performance and Business Services (DNS) detailed the Draft Action Plan and highlighted any issues.

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make comments on the Draft Action Plan. Discussion took place regarding recommendation 9 and the proposed actions/completion dates. It was agreed that the proposed action be broken down further and the completion dates be revised. It was also agreed that the Action Plan be brought back to the Committee in 6 Months time for further consideration.

Members made no further amendments to the Draft Action Plan and were happy with the progress officers had made to date.

CONCLUDED that:-

1. With regard recommendation 9 the proposed action be broken down further and the completion dates be revised.
2. The Action Plan be brought back to the Committee in 6 Months time for further consideration.

3. The Draft Action Plan be agreed.

4 Future Development of Cemeteries - Progress Report

Members were presented with the Future Development of Cemeteries - Progress Report. The Progress Report detailed the original recommendation made by the Committee, responsible officer, dates for completion and evidence of progress.

The Head of Performance and Business Services (DNS) detailed the evidence of progress and outlined the reasons for any slippage.

Members were given the opportunity to make comments and ask questions on the Progress Report.

Members requested that at the meeting of the next update of the Progress report Members receive a copy of the information leaflet on the issues to be considered when planning a "green" funeral. Members also requested that they receive as soon as possible a short summary of the information that is contained in the leaflet.

Overall Members were happy with the progress that officers had been made to date.

CONCLUDED that the Future Development of Cemeteries Progress Report be noted.

5 Work Programme

The Scrutiny Officer updated Members with regard the current review of Waste Management and Recycling.

Members discussed ideas for future review topics. Members felt that dog fouling/animal welfare should be put forward to the Scrutiny Liaison Forum as a possible topic.

The Chair requested that if Members think of any more ideas for future review topics they email them to the Scrutiny Officer.