

Environment Select Committee

A meeting of Environment Select Committee was held on Monday, 12th September, 2011.

Present: Cllr Nigel Cooke (Chairman), Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Jean Kirby, Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg, Cllr David Wilburn, Cllr Mick Womphrey, Cllr Bill Woodhead

Officers: J Bailey (R); P Diggins, J McCann, D Rowbotham (DNS); Mrs T Harrison, Miss M Jones, J Trainer (LD)

Also in attendance: Cllr Rose (Cabinet Member for Environment)

Apologies: Cllr Ray McCall and Cllr Steve Walmsley

1 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

2 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mrs Rigg declared a personal non prejudicial interest in relation to the Care for You Area EIT Review item due to the fact that she was a member of the Eggescliffe and Eggescliffe Parish Council.

3 Minutes for Signing - 18th April and 20th June, 2011

The minutes of the meetings held on 18th April and 20th June 2011 were signed by the Chair as a correct record in the office of Democratic Services.

AGREED that the minutes were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 Minutes of the previous meeting - 18th July 2011

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2011.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

5 Care for Your Area EIT Review

The Committee considered possible options for the EIT Review of Care for Your Area. An indication of whether each option had a minimal, medium or significant impact on the service was given. Members agreed the options with minimal front line service impact would be taken forward, which were:-

- Re-structure/re-configure Management/Supervision
- Round reconfiguration
- Reduced maintenance budgets for Parks Improvement Fund
- Reduce supplies and spend across all services
- Reduced staffing through natural wastage for street cleaning and grounds maintenance
- Increased income from recyclable material
- Further investigation into depot relocation

- Further investigation into outsourcing workshops

Those options with medium or significant impact would not be considered at this stage.

Members would receive the draft final report at the next meeting.

AGREED that the information be noted and that the options be included in the final report.

6 Wastes Management EIT Officer Led Review

Members received information regarding Waste Management from the Projects and Support Officer in Development and Neighbourhood Services which included:-

- National Levels
- Local Context
- Kerbside Services
- Other Services
- Waste Contracts
- Tonnages
- The future of Waste

The main issues discussed were as follows:-

- Alternative methods of waste collection
- Income generated for kerbside splitting of recyclables
- Finding a site for waste disposal site in Stockton

The Committee requested a site visit to a recycling plant.

AGREED that:

1. The information be noted.
2. A site visit will be organised to visit the Hartlepool and Stockton depots.

7 Quarterly Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations

Consideration was given to the progress of the implementation of previously agreed recommendations. There were outstanding recommendations from the reviews of Built and Natural Environment, Cemeteries 1 Future of Cemeteries, Cemeteries 2 Management of Cemeteries, Carbon Management.

Built and Natural Environment

Recommendations 11 - 14 had slipped due to on going unresolved issues.

Carbon Management

Recommendation 2 had slipped due to changes in reporting and was trialled to be rescheduled for 2012.

Recommendation 7 had slipped due to the uncertainty of Building Schools for the Future.

Recommendation 19 had slipped, further information would be provided at the next meeting.

Recommendation 20 could be signed off and removed as it could not be dealt with due to demise of Building Schools for the Future.

AGREED that:

1. The progress updates be noted and the assessments of progress be confirmed.

2. Further information be provided as requested.

8 Work Programme

Members were advised that the next meeting would be held on 24th October.

9 Chairs Update

The Chair had nothing to report.