

Environment Select Committee

A meeting of Environment Select Committee was held on Monday, 27th February, 2012.

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

Officers: Tanya Harrison, Michelle Jones, Judith Trainer (LD)

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

Apologies: Cllr Jean Kirby

ENV 35/11 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

ENV 36/11 **Minutes for Signature - 24th October 2011**

The minutes of the meeting were signed as a correct record.

AGREED that the minutes be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

ENV 37/11 **Draft Minutes - 16th January 2012**

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2012.

The Chair welcomed Cllr Walmsley back, following his absence due to ill health. Cllr Walmsley thanked the Committee for its letter, which had conveyed its best wishes.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

ENV 38/11 **Quarterly Progress Updates on Previously Agreed Recommendations**

Consideration was given to progress of the implementation of previously agreed recommendations. There were outstanding recommendations from the following reviews:

- Built and Natural Environment
- Carbon Management
- Cemeteries

The Committee raised the following comments relating to the reviews:

Built and Natural Environment - Recommendation 2, Members requested further information on the savings made by increasing charges for blue badges to £10 before signing off the recommendations.

Carbon Management - Recommendation 13, The committee were disappointed more progress had not been made and requested more detail on the progress of introducing wireless connectivity and e-readers for meetings.

Carbon Management - Recommendation 17, Members asked for clarification on how Workwise had addressed the carbon footprint and costs for staff working at home before signing off the recommendation.

Scrutiny Officers advised that information regarding Members queries would be sought and reported back at the next committee.

AGREED that:

1. The progress updates be noted and the assessments for progress be confirmed, other than those issue highlighted above.
2. Further information be provided as requested.

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39/11** **Scrutiny Development Session**

The Scrutiny Officer informed Members that due to the Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation (EIT) reviews coming to a close, the process which had been used prior to EIT would now be re-introduced.

Members received a presentation highlighting the necessary tools and ingredients needed for a successful review.

It was explained that Members could, in future, take time to evaluate the work which they had carried out, reviewing the process and looking at the implementation of the recommendations.

Members asked if there were examples of outstanding reviews which could be used to inform the process for future reviews. The Scrutiny Officer agreed to look into this further. It was also suggested that agreeing key questions to ask witnesses before the meeting would be useful.

AGREED that:

1. The information noted
2. Further information be provided as requested.

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40/11** **Work Programme**

Members were advised that the next Environment Select Committee meeting would be held 30th April, at which point the new review would begin and the annual overview of services within the committees remit would be presented.

AGREED that the information be noted.

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41/11** **Chairs Update**

The Chair had nothing to report.

