

Environment Select Committee

A meeting of Environment Select Committee was held on Monday, 22nd October, 2012.

Present: Cllr Nigel Cooke (Chairman), Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Ray McCall, Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg, Cllr David Wilburn, Cllr Mick Womphrey

Officers: Neil Ellison (DNS); Tanya Harrison, Michelle Jones (LD)

Also in attendance: No other persons were present

Apologies: Cllr Jean Kirby, Cllr Steve Walmsley, Cllr Bill Woodhead. Cllr David Rose (Cabinet Member for Environment)

1 Evacuation Procedure

The evacuation procedure was noted.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3 Minutes for Signature - 16th July 2012

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2012 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4 Draft Minutes - 10th September 2012

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meetings held on 10th September 2012.

AGREED that the minutes be approved.

5 Scrutiny Review of Affordable Warmth

Members received an update on developments with the Community Energy Savings Project (CESP) and Warm Homes Healthy People, and further information regarding collective switching.

The Committee reviewed the summary of evidence received during the review and considered possible options for recommendations including:

- Affordable warmth was reflected in SBC's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
- Continuations and extension of Warm Homes Healthy People project, improving publicity, ensuring all services and partners signpost to the project, and investigating funding streams for the project
- Formation of a Fuel Poverty Partnership
- Sign up to the Local Authority Fuel Poverty Commitment
- Collective Switching be investigated further
- Developing an affordable warmth delivery plan with specific targets for energy efficiency and fuel poverty, outcomes measured through gathered evidence and

clear lines of reporting both at a local and national (i.e. Home energy Conservation Act reporting process) level.

- The delivery plan support the relevant objectives of the Seasonal Health & Wellbeing Strategy
- Identify and strengthen links between health, economic, and environmental impacts of cold homes and fuel poverty
- Collaboration with health and Clinical Commissioning Groups
- Funding streams for measures to improve housing stock and address poor health and seasonal excess deaths be investigated and applications submitted
- Ensure details of Green Deal and Energy Companies Obligation were analysed when released and these schemes utilized to target the most appropriate area
- Work in partnership with registered housing providers to share information on improvements to housing in the borough and to help target specific area based initiatives
- A study be carried out regarding the long term health impacts, carbon emissions impacts and economic impacts of current programmes and measures

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 Work Programme

The Scrutiny Officer advised that draft recommendations and a final report would be formulated and presented to Members for consideration at the next meeting.

AGREED that the report be noted.

7 Chairs Update

The Chairman reported that Executive Scrutiny had requested that Environment Select Committee undertake a task and finish review of Health and Community Safety.

The Committee would consider the scope of the review at the meeting in December 2012.

AGREED to undertake the task and finish review of Health and Community Safety.