

Environment Select Committee

A meeting of Environment Select Committee was held on Monday, 1st June, 2009.

Present: Cllr Michael Smith (In the Chair), Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Andrew Larkin, Cllr Roy Rix, Cllr Mick Womphrey, Cllr Bill Woodhead

Officers: Colin Snowdon (DNS), Mrs Debbie Hurwood (R) and Mrs Tanya Harrison (LD)

Also in attendance: No other persons were present

Apologies: Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg (Chairman), Cllr John Gardner, Cllr Mick Stoker,

1 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th January 2009 and 11th February 2009

The minutes were signed by the Chair.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th March 2009

Consideration was given to the draft minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2009.

CONCLUDED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th March 2009 be approved and forwarded to Council for consideration.

4 Review of Animal Welfare / Dog Fouling

Members discussed the actions and time scales detailed in the action plan.

Members requested annual email updates showing the number of dog fouling complaints received from each ward.

CONCLUDED that:

1. The actions and time scales detailed in the action plan be agreed.
2. Annual email updates be sent to all Members showing the number of dog fouling complaints received from each ward.

5 Review of Carbon Management

Members considered the scope and project plan for the review of Carbon Management.

In addition to a possible site visit to Rosebrook School Members suggested site visits to the Botanic Centre in Acklam and Esh Winning Eco-learning Centre at Esh Winning Primary School both of which lead the way in carbon management but were outside of the Borough.

The Lead Officer and Scrutiny Officer would investigate the possibility of the

additional site visits and would report back to Members.

Members were advised that an alternative date was required for the scheduled meeting of 15th June 2009. Members agreed on a replacement date of 29th June 2009.

CONCLUDED that:

1. The scope and project plan be agreed.
2. The Lead Officer and Scrutiny Officer will investigate the possibility of the additional site visits and will report back to Members.
3. 29th June 2009 will replace the meeting date of 15th June.

6 Monitoring Update Reports

Members noted the monitoring update reports for Waste Management, Cemeteries and Memorials, Rats and Pigeons and Customer First.

Members requested that discussion took place with the Cabinet Member to find funding to tackle rats and pigeons in the Town Centre.

Members requested further information on:

- The number of second bins which had been collected?
- The areas that continued to be a problem regarding side waste?
- The anticipated timescale on dealing with litter offenders?
- The actual tonnage of house waste before and after the recycling review?
- Whether methane could be produced at adequate levels from food waste?
- Whether an update report of the review could be provided in 6 months?

CONCLUDED that:

1. The report be noted.
2. Officers will provide the following information on:
 - The number of second bins which had been collected?
 - The areas that still continue to be a problem regarding side waste?
 - The anticipated timescale on dealing with litter offenders?
 - The actual tonnage of house waste before and after the recycling review?
 - Whether methane could be produced at adequate levels from food waste?
3. An update report of the review will be provided in 6 months.
4. Discussion will be held with the Cabinet Member to find funding to tackle the rats and pigeons in the Town Centre.

7 Chair's Update

There was no Chairs update due to the Chair submitting her apologies for the meeting.

8 Work Programme

CONCLUDED that no additional work programme is identified as the Environment Committee are about to commence review of Carbon Management.