

Environment Select Committee

A meeting of Environment Select Committee was held on Monday, 27th January, 2014.

Present: Cllr Nigel Cooke(Chairman), Cllr David Wilburn(Vice-Chairman), Cllr Derrick Brown, Cllr Jean Kirby, Cllr Ray McCall, Cllr Steve Walmsley, Cllr Mick Womphrey, Cllr Bill Woodhead

Officers: Jane Edmends (DNS); Graham Birtle, Kirsty Wannop, Jenna McDonald (LDS)

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Maureen Rigg

1 Evacuation Procedure

The Evacuation Procedure was noted.

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Ray McCall declared a personal non preducial interest in the item titled Review of the Performance of Housing Providers as he was a VELA Group tenant and his son also worked for VELA Group.

3 Minutes for signature - 14th October 2013 and 11th November 2013

The minutes of the meetings held on 14th October 2013 and 11th November 2013 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

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

4 Review of the Performance of Housing Providers

The Chairman thanked the Committee Members for their participation and highlighted that it was reassuring to hear from all parties in relation to the Large Scale Voluntary Transfer. The Chairman informed the Committee that it was a highlight to have been able to meet with residents from the Tristar Scrutiny Panel.

The Committee heard that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee had a tripartite meeting with the Cabinet Member and Corporate Director to discuss the report which was well received.

Members thought the report to have been excellent and the recommendations were valid.

Although the scrutiny review focussed on the promises from the stock transfer, Members highlighted how important making the right allocations was for communities.

5 Topics for next year's work programme

Topics for next year's work programme that the Committee had put forward at

Scrutiny Liaison Forum in March 2014 from the last meeting included;

- ground maintenance of Country Parks
- Green Wedge
- Environmental officer visits to food establishments

Members suggested;

- Licensing of food premises
- Littering/Fly Tipping

6 Work Programme

The Committee was informed that the next scheduled meeting could be stood down until topics were identified. Members would be given notice.

7 Chair's Update

The Chairman informed Members that the Committee were looking forward to taking the agreed report to Executive Scrutiny Committee and then on to Cabinet.