

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 2 February 2005, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Compton (Chairman), Councillors, Mrs Blacklock, Hatfield, Sandhar, Short and Smith.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Begg (Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Copping, Davies and Gill.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 December 2004 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. OUTOCME OF SCRUTINY OF FOOD SAFETY

The Committee considered a report from the two Scrutiny Committee Work Groups who had undertaken the scrutiny of the Food Safety Service.

The Committee had received a presentation a report from the Food Safety Team at their meeting on 20 October 2004, outlining the Council's duties as a Food Authority under the Food Safety Act and proposing a plan for the scrutiny of the service.

The Committee had appointed two work groups to investigate "the key functions of managing risk" and "the cost of service in relation to performance" and had asked them to report back to this meeting with their findings.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the recommendations as outlined in the report be submitted to the March Executive meeting for approval;
- (2) a progress report on the recommendations be submitted to this Committee in February 2006; and
- (3) the Food Safety Team, be thanked for all their excellent work and the time they have put into this review

(Councillor Mrs Begg arrived partway through this item)

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4. SCRUTINY OF REFUSE SERVICE

The Committee sought to appoint two councillors to undertake each of the following investigations into different waste types and the problems associated with them, and report back to the 8 June 2005 meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the following Councillors be appointed to undertake each of the following investigations into different waste types and report back to 8 June 2005 meeting of this Committee:
 - Bulky Waste: Councillors Gill and Sandhar;
 - Garden Waste: Councillors Mrs Compton and Short;
 - Special and Clinical Wastes: Councillors Copping and Smith; and
- (2) a special meeting of the Committee be arranged, for 2 March 2005, in to interview neighbouring authorities, about

5. EXECUTIVE MEETING – WEDNESDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2004

The Committee considered the minutes of the Executive meeting held on Monday, 20 December 2004 which came within its remit.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes be noted.

6. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered their Work Programme for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Work Programme be confirmed, with the following amendments:

- (i) A review of the Dog Warden Service taking into consideration the current dog Warden Service, including enforcement of dog fouling, provision of dog bins, emptying of dog bins and dog fouling signage be added to the work programme starting in June 2005;
- (ii) A report be submitted to the next meeting with regard to telecommunication masts; and
- (iii) A report be submitted to the next meeting on the performance of Action 21.

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7. EXECUTIVE AGENDA (NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS)

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Monday, 7 February 2005 which came within its remit. As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:-

Item 4 Budget 2005/06 and Council Tax – Revenue and Capital

The Committee passed no comment on this item as it will be debated at Council in due course.

Item 6 Portfolio Holder Statements: Service Targets: Best Value Performance Plan

The Committee noted the achievements within the Environmental Services Portfolio Area and supported the targets set for the next 12 months, in particular the Street Cleansing target.

Item 8 Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) 2005 – Response to Audit Commission Consultation Paper

The Committee supported the comments as set out in section 6 of the report and expressed their disappointment that by becoming an excellent council there appears to be no benefits to the authority.

Item 12(E) Food Hygiene & Safety Enforcement Policy

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

Item 12 (H) Development Plan Conformity Protocol

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(The meeting ended at 7.47 pm)

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