

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (2)

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 1 March 2016
Time: 10.30 am

The Agenda for the above meeting was published on 22 February 2016. Additional documents are now available and are attached to this Agenda Supplement.

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At Council on 23 February 2016 a motion on Fracking from Councillors Jeff and Helen Osborn was, following amendment, referred to scrutiny for consideration as attached.

The Committee are also advised to note minute 26 of the meeting held on 12 February 2016, and the consideration for some level of scrutiny involvement regarding implementation of the devolution of the Good Neighbours scheme.

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Wiltshire Council

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**Notice of Motion No. 30 – Fracking – From Councillors Jeff and Helen Osborn -
as approved by Council 23 February 2016**

This Council notes that the Oil and Gas Authority (OGA) has recently decided to offer licences for four blocks of land in Wiltshire and that the licences for these blocks will contain conditions prohibiting activities in order to protect ecological sites.

Nonetheless, in its response to the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), Council made a case against the “water hungry” nature of this mode of exploration and extraction because of the potential impact it may have on Wiltshire aquifers. .

Council also notes central government’s planned extension of permitted development rights to cover exploratory drilling and investigation.

Consequently Council requests that Scrutiny establish a task group to help Councillors better understand the general implications of possible hydrocarbon exploration and extraction in the county. This will enable members on relevant planning committees to be better briefed on such matters.

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