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AGENDA

Meeting:	Environment Select Committee
Place:	Council Chamber, Bradley Road, Trowbridge
Date:	Tuesday 1 November 2011
Time:	<u>10.30 am</u>

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<u>PART I</u>

Items to be considered while the meeting is opened to the public

1. Apologies and Substitutions

2. <u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> (Pages 1 - 8)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Environment Select Committee held on 09 September 2011 (copy attached).

3. **Declarations of Interests**

To receive any declarations of personal or prejudicial interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

4. Chairman's Announcements

5. <u>Public Participation and Councillors Questions</u>

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

If you would like to make a statement at this meeting on any item on this agenda, please register to do so at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting. Up to 3 speakers are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes each on any agenda item. Please contact the officer named above for any further clarification.

Questions

To receive any questions from members of the public or members of the Council received in accordance with the constitution. Those wishing to ask questions are required to give notice of any such questions in writing to the officer named above no later than 5pm on Tuesday 25 October.

Please contact the officer named on the first page of this agenda for further advice. Questions may be asked without notice if the Chairman decides that the matter is urgent.

Details of any questions received will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

6. <u>Air Quality Strategy</u> (Pages 9 - 70)

The Committee has held a longstanding interest in the development of the

Council's Air Quality Strategy, considering a draft version in July 6, 2010 and a further update at the July 21, 2011 meeting.

Cabinet, in December, will be recommended to approve the Air Quality Strategy before being submitted to Council for adoption. The Committee has an opportunity to review the document whilst it is in draft form and recommend as appropriate to the Cabinet member any amendments that it is felt would enhance the Strategy.

7. Car Parking Charges (Pages 71 - 112)

Following a members' request for an item at the Environmental Select Committee held on 06 September 2011, the Committee agreed to scrutinise the attached report considered by Cabinet on 18 October, (see attached Cabinet minute no.139), which provided an analysis of the Impact of Car Parking Charges on Wiltshire.

The Committee has also requested further information on the impact on bus subsidies generated from car parking income and a breakdown of income across Wiltshire's communities' 'pre and post changes' in car parking charges. To assist the latter request an excel sheet is appended to the report; for clarification:

- No ticket sales are shown for the West Wiltshire Towns (Bradford on Avon, Melksham, Trowbridge, Warminster and Westbury) before July 2011 as the ticket machines did not record tickets sold until they were upgraded. Ticket sales for the three months since June are shown.
- In previous years Warminster and Westbury Town Councils bought out free parking spaces. This was discontinued when the new prices were introduced. This has resulted in increased income.
- Prior to the new pricing Salisbury had one hour parking off street, this was changed to two hour minimum when the new prices were introduced, subsequently the one hour period was reintroduced. This distorts the overall figures for tickets sold.

Full Council on November 8th will be debating any future policy changes in this arena and the Committee has the opportunity to communicate any issues/recommendations that it feels appropriate to contribute to this decision.

8. Forward Work Programme (Pages 113 - 116)

A copy of the draft Forward Work Programme is attached for consideration.

9. Date of next Meeting

10 January 2012.

10. Urgent Items

Any other items of business which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

11. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider passing the following resolution:

To agree that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in Item Number 4 because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 &4 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

<u>PART II</u>

Items during whose consideration it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed

12. Amenities Consultancy and Works Contracts (Pages 117 - 150)

Councillors are asked to consider attached confidential report, upon which any comments will be fed back to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport ahead of the Cabinet meeting of 15 November 2011, where the future contracts in connection with the highways and amenities service will be considered.