

AGENDA

Meeting: Environment Select Committee
Place: Alamein Suite - City Hall, Malthouse Lane, Salisbury, SP2 7TU
Date: Tuesday 29 October 2013
Time: 10.30 am

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Cllr Terry Chivers	Cllr Stephen Oldrieve
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Cllr Nick Fogg	Cllr Ian Tomes
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Cllr Jacqui Lay	Cllr Philip Whalley
Cllr Christopher Newbury	

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PART I

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

1 **Apologies**

To receive any apologies or substitutions for the meeting.

2 **Minutes** (*Pages 1 - 14*)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Environment Select Committee meetings held on :

11 June 2013 (Ordinary Meeting)

4 July 2013 (Special Meeting – Business Plan)

18 July 2013 (Special Meeting – Future Waste Management)

3 **Declarations of Interest**

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

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements through the Chair.

5 **Public Participation**

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 22 October 2013**. 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 **Green Infrastructure Strategy** (*Pages 15 - 20*)

The Wiltshire Core Strategy includes Core Policy 52, which places a requirement for all development to protect and enhance local green infrastructure (GI) networks. The GI Strategy will be integral to implementing this policy. The Strategy identifies 12 priorities through 5 themes:

- Improving public health and wellbeing,
- Strong economic growth and development,
- Strong and resilient communities,
- Improving nature and the environment,
- Resilience to climate change.

The Committee is asked to consider, and feedback on, the progress and direction to date on the Green Infrastructure Strategy and endorse the continued development of the Green Infrastructure Strategy.

Jay Gascoigne, GI Strategy Lead, will attend to present the item and answer councillors questions.

7 **Investing in Highways**

Investing in highways is a key priority for the Council. On 22 October Cabinet will consider a programme of investment in road maintenance to improve the condition of the highway network in Wiltshire. Three options are suggested:

Option 1 – Maintain existing conditions (average annual expenditure approx. £12.5 million)

Option 2 – Increase investment to £17 million for six years

Option 3 – Increase investment to £21 million for six years.

The proposal to Cabinet is that Option 3 is adopted to achieve the objective set out in the Council's Business Plan. This option also allows for the involvement of the Area Boards (process to be agreed).

The Highways Report can be accessed via the link to the Cabinet agenda:
<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&Mid=7213&Ver=4>

The Committee will decide on its involvement once more detailed plans are developed.

8 **Developing the Forward Work Programme** (*Pages 21 - 24*)

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman have now had meetings with relevant cabinet members and portfolio holders to discuss service priorities and overview and scrutiny engagement. In addition, the Chairman has met with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee to consider the priorities of the draft single overview and scrutiny work programme.

The attached report, by the Scrutiny Manager in consultation with the Chairman, presents the outcome of the discussions. Members are asked to approve the topics, identified as priorities for the Committee, for inclusion of the work programme.

9 **Task Group Updates**

To receive updates on Environment Select Committee Task Group activity.

10 **Urgent Items**

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

11 **Date of Next Meeting**

To confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting as 10 December 2013.