

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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Membership:

Cllr Rosemary Brown	Cllr Alan Hill (Chairman)
Cllr Brian Dalton	Cllr Magnus Macdonald
Cllr Dennis Drewett	Cllr Ian McLennan
Cllr Peter Edge (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Horace Prickett
Cllr Peter Evans	Cllr James Sheppard
Cllr Jose Green	Cllr Bridget Wayman
Cllr Mollie Groom	

Substitutes:

Cllr Terry Chivers	Cllr Stephen Oldrieve
Cllr Tony Deane	Cllr Jeff Osborn
Cllr Nick Fogg	Cllr Ian Tomes
Cllr George Jeans	Cllr Nick Watts
Cllr Bob Jones MBE	Cllr Ian West
Cllr Jacqui Lay	Cllr Philip Whalley
Cllr Christopher Newbury	

AGENDA

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

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Questions

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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.

ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 11 JUNE 2013 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNCIL OFFICES,
MONKTON PARK, CHIPPENHAM, SN15 1ER.**

Present:

Cllr Rosemary Brown, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Dennis Drewett, Cllr Peter Edge (Vice Chairman), Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Mollie Groom, Cllr Alan Hill (Chairman), Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Horace Prickett, Cllr James Sheppard, Cllr Nick Watts (Substitute) and Cllr Bridget Wayman

Also Present:

Cllr Jon Hubbard and Cllr Jacqui Lay

59 **Membership and Apologies**

- 1) The Membership of the Committee following Council on 14 May 2013 was noted.
- 2) Apologies were received from Councillor Magnus Macdonald. Councillor Macdonald was substituted by Councillor Nick Watts.

60 **Election of Chairman**

Resolved:

To elect Councillor Alan Hill as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

61 **Election of Vice-Chairman**

Councillor Alan Hill presided over the election of a Vice-Chairman.

Resolved

To elect Councillor Peter Edge as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

62 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on **04 April 2013** were presented for consideration and comment.

It was,

Resolved:

To APPROVE as a true and correct record and sign the minutes.

63 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations

64 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman reported that feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Induction event held on 16 May 2013 had been very positive and reported as valuable, enjoyable and successfully delivering its objectives.

It was noted that further training is planned in terms of subject awareness, chairmanship and questioning and listening skills, and the Chairman was keen members take advantage of these further training opportunities.

65 **Public Participation**

There were no statements or questions submitted.

66 **Legacy and Forward Work Programme**

The Chairman introduced a report on legacy items and the future work programme, noting the current work programme had received approval from the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 23 May 2013, comprising three task groups to be re-instated and a fourth constituted.

The Chairman then updated the Committee and led discussions on the topics, as follows.

It was noted that a report on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) had been due to go before Cabinet, but that this had now been delayed until further notice, with details to be provided at the meeting of Cabinet on 18 June and at the next meeting of the Committee. It was raised that frequent changes in the regulations from central government had continually hindered the work of the previously constituted CIL Task Group, and that the Task Group should be readied to respond rapidly as soon as further work was possible on the topic.

The future of the Waste Task Group was discussed, noting that a report on a future service delivery model was due to appear at Cabinet on 23 July 2013. Following discussions with officers and Cabinet the Committee was informed Scrutiny involvement was requested, but that the papers would not be approved for analysis until the public deadline of 15 July 2013. The Committee discussed and agreed to the holding of a special meeting of the Committee prior to Cabinet to scrutinize the report and present their views to Cabinet, but that the lack of appropriate time to consider the report was regrettable and should be raised at the Management Committee.

It was confirmed that Air Quality Task Group would remain a joint Task Group with the Health Select Committee.

An additional Task Group had been suggested regarding Development Services and adoptable estates, to seek best practice in the delivery of the service, with details of its remit in the agenda report. A discussion followed on the scope of the Task Group, with the suggestion the Scrutiny team prepare proposed terms of reference for the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee then discussed other potential topics that could be added to the work programme, noting suggestions that had been raised by members during the scrutiny induction session, and the need for an investigation to determine the viability and appropriateness of topics was raised.

It was emphasised that the Scrutiny Manager had contacted all non-executive members to seek expressions of interest to enable them to be matched with task groups currently proposed as well as future task groups. It was agreed that the Chair and Vice-Chair would have delegated authority to appoint the membership of Task Groups, and that where possible the previous members should be reappointed to provide continuity.

At the conclusion of discussion, it was,

Resolved:

- 1) To note the decision of the Management Committee to endorse the legacy topics and specifically those that are the responsibility of the Environment Select Committee as identified in paragraph 4 of the agenda report;**
- 2) To appoint the memberships of the proposed task groups in line with the approach indicated in paragraph 7 of the agenda report;**
- 3) Following initial investigations by officers, to consider the topics listed in paragraph 6 for inclusion in the work programme at the next meeting of the Committee;**
- 4) To note that arrangements will now be made for early discussions between the Chairman and Vice-Chairman with cabinet members, portfolio holders and service directors to gain a more informed**

understanding about Executive priorities, findings to be reported back to the Committee;

- 5) To note the intention of the Council to review its Business Plan and the potential implications for Overview and Scrutiny's work programme

67 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items accepted.

68 **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the Special Meeting of the Environment Select Committee to discuss Waste Management was confirmed as **Thursday 18 July 2013**.

The date of the next Ordinary meeting of the Environment Select Committee was confirmed as **27 August 2013** at **Monkton Park, Chippenham**.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 - 11.25 am)

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ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4 JULY 2013 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, MONKTON PARK, CHIPPENHAM, SN15 1ER.

Present:

Cllr Rosemary Brown, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Dennis Drewett, Cllr Peter Edge (Vice Chairman), Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Alan Hill (Chairman), Cllr Bob Jones MBE (Substitute), Cllr Jacqui Lay (Substitute) and Cllr Bridget Wayman

Also Present:

Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philippe and Cllr Dick Tonge

69 **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Magnus Macdonald, Ian McLennan, Horace Prickett, Mollie Groom and James Sheppard.

Councillor Macdonald was substituted by Councillor Bob Jones MBE.

Councillor Prickett was substituted by Councillor Jacqui Lay.

70 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no interests declared.

71 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no announcements.

72 **Public Participation**

There were no questions or statements submitted.

73 **Review of Business Plan Priorities**

On 25 June 2013 the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee met to consider the Wiltshire Council Draft Business Plan 2013-17 prior to its

determination at Cabinet on 23 July 2013 and the establishment of the council's strategic direction and priorities for the next four years.

The Management Committee resolved that each Overview and Scrutiny Select Committee should consider the draft Business Plan in turn, reporting its comments on the twelve deliverables of the Business Plan as provided by the Council Executive and included within the agenda pack. The individual committees would then report on their conclusions to the Management Committee ahead of final recommendations to Cabinet.

The Chairman introduced the draft Business Plan and stated deliverables, with comments and assistance on the Plan provided by Cllr Dick Tonge, Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance, Risk, Procurement and Welfare Reform, Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philippe, Cabinet Member for Economy, Skills and Transport, Dr Carlton Brand (Corporate Director), Alistair Cunningham (Service Director: Economy and Regeneration) and Alissa Davies (Principal Policy Officer).

The Committee then considered the draft business plan and the key deliverables, making points including but not limited to the following:

- The need for responses to climate change to be embedded in the council's policy thinking for the next four years;
- The enhanced role of the Area Boards was a positive intention;
- Given the increased role of Town and Parish Councils with delegated services, a re-evaluation of how they operated might be necessary;
- The need for the Development Service to take into account key deliverable ten with regards public health;
- The aspiration to maintain high standards and develop the skills of the workforce, within the constraints of more limited financing, would be a challenge that would need careful consideration;

The Committee also felt that as the Business Plan was a live document, scrutiny of it should also be ongoing, and that future additions should include examples demonstrating successes the council had achieved, comparisons with and the impact of national policies and events on Wiltshire, and an increased emphasis on how all plans would need to be achieved in the context of deliverable Eleven - "*Doing things differently for less to deliver at least £120m budget cost reductions over the four years*" - perhaps by making it the first key deliverable to inform perception of the remaining points.

The Committee also made points regarding the specific details and wording of the draft plan, to be reported to the Management Committee by the Chairman.

The Chairman thanked members for their valuable input and clarified that the Chairmen and Vice- Chairmen of the Select Committees and Management Committee would be meeting on 8 July 2013 to consider all the views and comments for submission of a final Overview and Scrutiny report to the Cabinet on 23 July 2013.

At the conclusion of debate, it was,

Resolved:

That taking into account the points raised above, the Environment Select Committee:

- 1) AGREED with the twelve key deliverables of the draft business plan with no additions or subtractions required, and**
- 2) Acknowledged the cross cutting themes of the deliverables, but noted that it was felt points in relation to deliverables Four, Five and Ten were outside the remit of the Committee**

The Chairman thanked members for their valuable input and explained that the Chairmen and Vice- Chairmen of the Select Committees and Management Committee would be meeting on 8 July 2013 to consider all the views and comments for submission of a final Overview and Scrutiny report to the Cabinet on 23 July 2013.

74 Urgent Items

There were no urgent items.

75 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as 27 August 2013 at Salisbury City Hall.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 - 11.40 am)

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ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 JULY 2013 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNCIL OFFICES, MONKTON PARK, CHIPPENHAM, SN15 1ER.

Present:

Cllr Rosemary Brown, Cllr Brian Dalton, Cllr Dennis Drewett, Cllr Peter Edge (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Jose Green, Cllr Jacqui Lay (Substitute), Cllr Magnus Macdonald, Cllr James Sheppard and Cllr Bridget Wayman

Also Present:

Cllr Toby Sturgis and Cllr Dick Tonge

76 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Horace Prickett, Alan Hill, Mollie Groom and Ian McLennan.

Councillor Hill was substituted by Councillor Jacqui Lay.

77 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests.

78 **Chairman's Announcements**

That following the Council meeting on 09 July 2013, Councillor Philip Whalley was added to the Committee as a substitute.

79 **Public Participation**

There were no questions submitted.

A statement was received from Cllr Nigel Carter, Devizes Town Council, on the Future Service Delivery Report for Waste Management, the details of which are attached to these minutes.

80 **Future Service Delivery Model for Waste Management**

The Committee has a long standing interest in the waste service and is keen to engage with the service over its development. The Committee was made aware that a report on the future delivery of the service was due to go Cabinet

on 23 July and asked that it have the opportunity to scrutinise the report. The report was not available for the Committee's meeting on 11 June and, as the next Committee meeting is not until 27 August, an extraordinary meeting was arranged.

It has been necessary to publish the waste report as a supplement to the agenda, as the report was not available at the time of despatch. The report was made available on the publication of the Cabinet agenda. For the purpose of the Cabinet report, it was requested that it be considered by the full Select Committee rather than a Task Group.

The report was introduced by the Service Director (Waste Management Services) and Cllr Toby Sturgis, Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Development Management, Strategic Housing, Property, Waste. It detailed the drive to harmonization of council waste services following the unification of district and county councils, and the lack of an option to extend the current contract, requiring new arrangements, with the principal options being to tender a new contract or bring the service in-house.

Following presentation of the report, the Committee considered the recommendation to Cabinet and the issues raised by the report, including but not limited to the following:

- The impact of commercial waste collection was assessed, where it was noted the council is not permitted by law to make a profit from commercial waste collection, and that the council had struggled to meet targets following a raising of the price of collection.
- The long term nature of the last waste contract was noted with concern by some of the Committee, and it was felt a shorter contract enabled greater flexibility. It was stated in reply that longer term contracts were preferred where significant capital investment was required, which would not be the case with the new collection contract, which was expected to be a far shorter length than the 25 year previous contract.
- The need for direct or indirect financial penalties in any contract was debated, and it was confirmed that although there were no direct penalties expected in any tendered contract, the ability to not extend an initial contract should the service be below the standard required, was regarded by the Cabinet Member and officers as a sufficient financial penalty.
- The cost to the council of vehicle purchases in the event of bringing the service in-house was raised in relation to the current climate of austerity and tight budgets, and it was stated that the cost, while additional, was not so great as to make the option unviable.
- With regards recycling waste collection, the possibility of comingled collection was raised, and it was stated that the rejection rate for such an option was higher than at present, although new technology was reducing those rates and would continue to be looked at as a potential future option.
- Impact on landfills to either option were also raised.

- The recommendation to Cabinet was also assessed and the Committee considered the wording unintentionally proscriptive, and suggested alternative wordings to avoid ambiguities.

The Committee also strongly criticised the lack of time and opportunity to conduct a thorough scrutiny exercise into the report, given the timelines as raised above in paragraph one.

At the conclusion of debate, and encompassing all the points considered above, it was,

Resolved:

- 1) **To offer endorsement of the general contents of the report, and**
- 2) **To suggest that the Cabinet recommendation should be amended to recommend the Cabinet invite tenders for the delivery of the waste and recycling collection service (including the chargeable waste collection service) for two options:**
 1. **to include provision of a co-mingled collection of dry recyclable material with separate collection of glass**
 2. **to include provision of a kerbside sort collection of dry recyclable material.**

And upon receiving more details make a determination on whether to deliver services in-house or to pursue the tender further at a future date, bearing in mind that option 1a as presented, if approved by Cabinet, would direct the Council to pursue an important policy direction before the full information with regards to the cost implications was known, as stated in the meeting.

81 **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 27 August 2013 at the Alamein Suite, Salisbury City Hall.

82 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 12.15 pm)

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Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

18 July 2013

Statement of Cllr Nigel Carter, Devizes Town Council

I regret perhaps not being able to provide questions in more detail on the reports but there are two or three things which matter in the global context.

1. Recycling.

I think that we need more transparency on two counts. Firstly, whether material collected in segregated containers is, in fact, being recycled, where and how. Secondly, there needs to be an up-front mechanism for identifying financial returns from recyclates and what threshold at which a return to council kicks in.

2. Contract Duration

I know we have discussed this before, but there is no suggestion in this paper which encourages greater flexibility other than the hint from the consultations that 'packages' should be offered to make participation by small companies and specialist companies more appealing. I do hope that we can get away from long-terms contracts that tie us in so fruitlessly when technology advances.

A personal preference would be for the collection to be retained in house. It gives us a measure of controls/understanding. However, I would depend upon Michael Hudson (Service Director – Finance) to make a strong case for outsourcing

Nigel Carter, CEnv, FEI, MIEMA

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Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

29 October 2013

Wiltshire Green Infrastructure Strategy

Executive summary

The first Wiltshire Green Infrastructure Strategy sets a direction and vision for the identification, enhancement and protection of green infrastructure (GI) in Wiltshire up to 2026, in line with the Core Strategy delivery period and in support of Core Policy 52: Green Infrastructure (CP52) in the core strategy. The strategy provides a framework to identify, enhance and protect multifunctional GI; identifies 12 priorities for Wiltshire through five themes; suggests a number of delivery methods over the delivery period and outlines an Action Plan of key GI projects for Wiltshire Council and its partners to pursue.

Proposal

That the Committee:

- a) Consider the progress and direction to date on the Green Infrastructure Strategy
- b) Endorse the continued development of the Green Infrastructure Strategy

Reason for proposal

To ensure progress and development of the emerging strategy is subject to overview and scrutiny input and feedback

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Wiltshire Green Infrastructure Strategy

Purpose of report

1. The Environment Select Committee is asked to consider the development and progress made to date, on Wiltshire's first Green Infrastructure Strategy.

The Environment Select Committee is invited to feedback on the multifunctional framework and partnership approach that the strategy development has taken.

Background

2. The development of a Wiltshire-wide Green Infrastructure Strategy began in 2010 following the move to unitary status. Throughout 2011 and 2012 a number of consultation workshops with partner organisations and neighbouring authorities took place. Research of evidence required for the development of CorePolicy 52: Green Infrastructure (CP52) in the Wiltshire Core Strategy was undertaken in 2012 and is captured in Core Strategy Topic Paper 13.
3. As part the Core Strategy Examination in Public in support of CP52, the council agreed to produce a Draft Wiltshire Green Infrastructure Strategy by the end of 2013 with public consultation and adoption of the final strategy by mid 2014.
4. Since June 2013 wide ranging consultation has taken place with a number of internal council departments, external partner organisations, neighbouring authorities and community groups across Wiltshire and the Wiltshire Local Nature Partnership, Link2Nature. A framework has been developed which captures the multifunctional nature of GI and assists in identifying issues and priorities within Wiltshire. Delivery mechanisms are being developed which focus on new development and community empowerment/asset transfer. An action plan which draws together key internal and external projects is also being developed.

Main considerations for the committee

5. The overarching aim of the strategy is to identify, enhance and protect Wiltshire's green infrastructure for the benefit of Wiltshire's economy, communities, wildlife and landscapes.
6. The Wiltshire Core Strategy considers GI as "a descriptive term used to characterise spaces such as parks and gardens (urban and country parks, formal gardens); amenity green space (informal and formal recreation and sports spaces, domestic gardens, village greens, green roofs); urban green spaces (urban commons, waste land and disturbed ground); woodland, downland and meadows, wetlands, open and running water, quarries; green

corridors (rivers and canals including their banks, road and rail corridors, cycling routes, pedestrian paths, and rights of way); allotments, cemeteries, and churchyards.”

7. The strategy will achieve the following objectives:
 - a. Awareness raising amongst communities, town and parish councils, planning authorities, developers and partner organisations about GI and the multiple benefits that high quality GI provides.
 - b. Provide a framework for communities to assess and identify local GI priorities, supporting the inclusion of GI considerations in local neighbourhood plans.
 - c. Provide developers and Wiltshire Council planning officers with guidance and support regarding GI standards in new developments in Wiltshire; including the requirement to complete a standardised GI audit as part of the planning application process for large developments.
 - d. Identifying opportunities for partnership working to improve and enhance GI in Wiltshire and across our authority boundaries.
 - e. Develop an Action Plan for the delivery and support of strategic GI projects across Wiltshire.

8. The strategy frames GI through five themes in order to capture the multi-purpose nature of GI. Within each theme a number of issues and priorities are identified for Wiltshire. These priorities are addressed through the strategies developing Action Plan. (See Appendix A)

Environmental impact of the proposal

9. The strategy outlines Wiltshire Councils commitment to protecting Wiltshire Councils historic natural environment, designated sites and protected areas. The strategy includes reference to a number of other Core Policies from the Wiltshire Core Strategy and policies relating to Habitat Regulations.

Equality and diversity impact of the proposal

10. The strategy recognizes the diverse nature of Wiltshire’s communities and seeks to improve community cohesion and interaction between community groups through the use of GI.

Risk assessment

11. There is a risk that the council will fail to produce the strategy by the agreed mid-2014 deadline. Feedback is being pursued throughout the strategy development process to assist in the consultation process and project plans are being strictly adhered to.

Public Health and Safeguarding Implications

12. There are no known implications.

Financial Implications

13. The production of the strategy bears no financial implication from departmental budgets as the costs of the project lead are met corporately as part of the organisations leadership and development costs.
14. The individual projects proposed in the strategy will be considered individually during the delivery and implementation of the strategy.

Legal Implications

15. The strategy supports the opportunities available to communities to take ownership of GI assets through the councils Asset Transfer Policy. As part of this process increased pressure is expected to be placed on legal services to deal with increased application rates in the future.

Conclusion

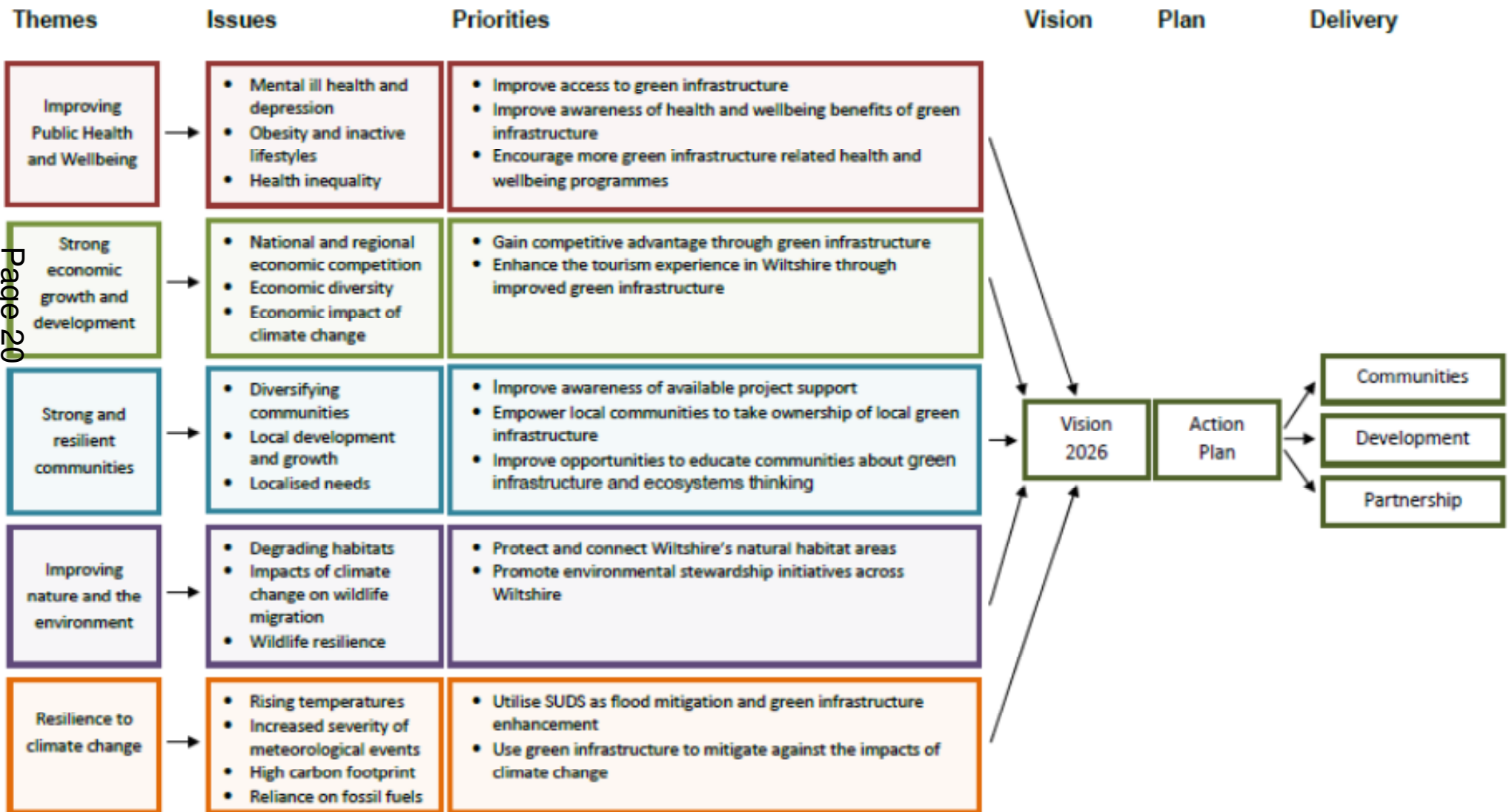
16. The Environment Select Committee are asked to consider and endorse the progress and direction that the Wiltshire Green Infrastructure strategy development has taken to date.

Report Author: Jay Gascoigne

Appendices

Appendix A – Wiltshire Green Infrastructure Strategy Framework

The Wiltshire Green Infrastructure Strategy Framework



Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

29 October 2013

Report on the draft work programme

Purpose of report

1. To present and seek endorsement the draft work programme.

Background

2. At its meeting on 23 May 2013 the Management Committee endorsed the inclusion of the legacy items put forward by the Environment Select Committee. These included the continuation of the work of the Task Groups in respect of waste, the Community Infrastructure Levy and Air Quality; the latter being a joint committee with the Health Select Committee. It also included the formation of a new task group looking at the delivery of affordable estates.
3. At the same meeting the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the individual select committees were asked to hold early discussions with cabinet members and portfolio holders to gain a more informed understanding of executive priorities. To that end, Cllrs Hill and Edge held individual meetings with the following cabinet members who indicated their work priorities with suggestions for possible scrutiny involvement:

Cllr de Rhé-Philipe, cabinet member for economy, skills and transport;
Cllr Sturgis, cabinet member for strategic planning, development management, strategic housing, property, waste;
Cllr Thomson, cabinet member for highways and streetscene and broadband
4. Consideration was also to be given to those topics raised by members at the Councillor Induction session.

Work Programme

5. In line with the recommendation made at the Management Committee meeting on 8 October, the Chairman met with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Management Committee to discuss priorities and options with a view to developing an initial draft single overview and scrutiny work programme.
6. At the meeting the legacy topics as well as the suggestions from cabinet members and the councillor induction session were discussed and the topics are summarised below.

Legacy items:

- Waste Task Group
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Task Group
- Adoptable Estates Task Group
- Air Quality Task Group (joint with Health Select Committee)

Meetings with executive members:Cllr De Rhé-Philippe

- Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)

Cllr Sturgis

- Waste contract (Task Group already in existence)

Cllr Thomson

- Investing in highways
- Parking Review
- Bedding in of BBLP contract
- 20mph policy
- Speedwatch

Councillor Induction Session

- Litter and dog fouling collection
- Green Space Management
- Sports Pitches
- Impact of developments on ground drainage
- Availability of affordable housing
- Public transport in rural areas
- Affordable transport for post-16 students
- Improving and maintaining roads and pavements

7. Discussions on the above topics took into account priorities, approaches, options, capacity and resources and, in particular, the priorities contained within the Business Plan.

8. The LEP will be considered in the first instance by the Management Committee.
9. The Committee is required to scrutinise the Council's local flood risk management and it has been agreed that this will be by way of review of the Flood Plan.
10. After discussion, the following topics were identified as priorities for the Committee and, as such, are presented as the draft work programme for the Committee. Timetabling of the topics has yet to be finalised.

Waste

Community Infrastructure Levy

Investing in highways

Parking review

Speedwatch

Adoptable estates

Air Quality (joint with Health Select Committee)

Review of Flood Plan

Proposal

11. To approve the topics in paragraph 10 as the draft work programme for the Committee and to refer them to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee for endorsement.

Paul Kelly, Scrutiny Manager and Designated Scrutiny Officer

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