

AGENDA

Meeting: Environment Select Committee
Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 12 April 2016
Time: 10.30 am

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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 of the Previous Meetings** (*Pages 7 - 20*)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Environment Select Committee meeting held on 27 October 2015.

To approve and sign the minutes of the Environment Select Committee meeting held on 12 January 2016.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

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

4 **Chairman's Announcements** (*Pages 21 - 24*)

To receive the following announcements through the Chairman:

- Hydrocarbon Exploration – attached with the agenda
- Waste Contract – attached with the agenda
- A 303 Stonehenge Improvement – a verbal announcement to be provided
- Housing Board Annual Report – a verbal announcement to be provided

5 **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

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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 5 April 2016**. 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 Leisure Services

In May 2015 Cabinet approved that leisure be moved to be incorporated as a part of public health and, following this approval, the decision was made for community campuses to be established; where health, wellbeing, library and leisure facilities could be encompassed under one roof for the community.

A presentation on Leisure and the new structure, as well as the on-going plans for the future of the service, will be received at the meeting.

7 Library Service (Pages 25 - 30)

During the past year the library service has successfully remodelled mobile library services. This year it is developing a new community hub model at Calne Library; to increase access to the building and to enable more community use for events, activities and access to information, services and advice. If this new model is successful, it is intended to create the hub model at other suitable libraries across the county.

An update on the Library Service is attached for information and Officers will be present at the meeting, to answer any questions on the topic.

8 Update on the Local Highways Investment Fund 2014 - 2020 (Pages 31 - 76)

Wiltshire Council is undertaking a major programme of investment in highway maintenance over six years, which is delivering a significant improvement in the condition of the county's highway network.

The programme is just reaching the end of its second year, and the report summarises the progress being made as well as proposals for 2016/17.

The following information has been included with the report:

- Appendix 1 – Road Conditions by Area Board
- Appendix 2 – Resilient Road Network
- Appendix 3 – Outcome of HMEP Peer Review
- Appendix 4 – Potholes and Carriageway Defects

9 Budget 2016/17 (Pages 77 - 92)

The Committee is invited to consider the budget set for 2016/17 for the service areas within its remit (as detailed in the attached documents).

The Committee is requested to agree the way it wishes to monitor progress in delivering identified savings in these service areas, bearing in mind the work already undertaken by the Financial Planning Task Group.

10 **Resident Engagement Task Group** (*Pages 93 - 108*)

On 1 September 2015 Environment Select Committee received a briefing note on changes to the council's approach to resident participation and scrutiny arrangements. This followed a review of how well resident engagement and tenant-led scrutiny worked in practice, and whether the main residents' groups were achieving their objectives and demonstrating value for money. As a result, the Environment Select Committee established the Resident Engagement Task Group.

The Task Group has explored how well residents of Wiltshire have been able to engage with the Council to identify means of best practice.

The Committee is requested to consider the report of the Resident Engagement Task Group and endorse its recommendations.

11 **Task Group Update** (*Pages 109 - 114*)

Written updates on Environment Select Committee Task Group activity are attached, further verbal updates may be provided at the meeting by the Chair of Task Groups.

The Committee is requested to note the Task Group updates and consider any recommendations arising.

12 **Forward Work Programme** (*Pages 115 - 120*)

To note and receive updates on the progress of items on the forward work programme.

Under the revised Overview and Scrutiny (OS) arrangements there is now a single OS work programme controlled by the OS Management Committee, linked to priorities in the Business Plan.

Therefore it should be noted that, whilst any matters added by Members are welcome, they will be referred to the OS Management Committee for approval before formal inclusion in the work programme for the Environment Select Committee.

A copy of the Overview and Scrutiny Forward Work Programme for the Environment Select Committee is attached for reference.

13 **Urgent Items**

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

14 **Date of Next Meeting**

To confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting as 7 June 2016.