

AGENDA

Meeting: Environment Select Committee
Place: Council Chamber, County Hall
Date: Tuesday 1 May 2018
Time: 10.30 am

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Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	Cllr Jacqui Lay
Cllr Derek Brown OBE	Cllr Ian McLennan
Cllr Peter Evans	Cllr Nick Murry
Cllr Peter Fuller	Cllr Steve Oldrieve
Cllr Sarah Gibson	

Substitutes:

Cllr Ernie Clark	Cllr Ross Henning
Cllr Brian Dalton	Cllr George Jeans
Cllr Sue Evans	Cllr Brian Mathew
Cllr Jose Green	Cllr Stewart Palmen
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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 Meeting** (*Pages 7 - 20*)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Environment Select Committee meeting held on 13th March 2018.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

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

4 **Chairman's Announcements** (*Pages 21 - 22*)

To receive any announcements through the Chairman.

- A letter from Malmesbury Town Council is attached. Following the ESC-Executive meeting on the 'flooding' portfolio, the Chairman stated that he would like the Committee to see sight of the attached letter from the Town Council in regard to the positive work that is being undertaken.

5 **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

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Questions

To receive any questions from members of the public or members of the Council received in accordance with the constitution.

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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 Public Land Released for Homes and Jobs

Following the ESC-Executive Annual Meeting on Economic Development, it was agreed that the ESC receive a verbal briefing on how profit from development is being used to advance the County of Wiltshire as a whole.

The Head of Development Management will be delivering a presentation on this topic and will respond to any Questions raised.

7 Updates from Task Groups and Representatives on Programme Boards
(Pages 23 - 24)

To receive any updates on recent activity for active task groups and from members of the Environment Select Committee who have been appointed as overview and scrutiny representatives on programme boards.

8 Forward Work Programme *(Pages 25 - 36)*

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.

9 Urgent Items

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

10 **Date of Next Meeting**

To confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting as 26th June 2018.

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ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 2018 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN.

Present:

Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Matthew Dean, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Nick Murry, Cllr Brian Mathew (Substitute) and Cllr Stewart Palmen (Substitute)

Also Present:

Cllr Richard Clewer, Cllr Richard Gamble, Cllr Jerry Kunkler, Cllr Tom Rounds, Cllr John Thomson, Cllr Bridget Wayman and Cllr Philip Whitehead

14 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bob Jones MBE and Steve Oldrieve, who were substituted by Councillors Stewart Palmen and Brian Mathew respectively.

15 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved:

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2018, subject to the following being added to minute 8 – Local Provision on Public Transport – Rail:

‘It was noted that the report did not include a reference to either Pewsey or Bedwyn Stations being recognised as commuter stations in the Council’s Core Strategy. The Committee were informed that the Local MP and residents, who use the rail services from these stations, considered the stations as major commuting stations.’

16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17 Chairman's Announcements

The Chair made the following announcements:

1. Members' visit to Hills Waste plant depots

The Committee was advised that Hills Waste Services (HWS) had offered to receive a visit by members at their facilities as detailed below:

- Mechanical biological treatment (MBT) plant, Northacre, Westbury
- Materials recovery facility (separating plastic bottles and cardboard), Porte Marsh, Calne
- Landfill site, waste transfer station and household recycling centre, Lower Compton, Calne
- Composting facility and household recycling centre, Parkgate Farm, Purton Waste transfer station, Amesbury

Resolved:

To arrange a visit to the Committee's preferred site out of those detailed above, on a date to be agreed.

2. A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Road Scheme:

The Committee noted that the report for the A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down Road Scheme was not available for this meeting due to the Consultation only commencing on 8 Feb and responses requiring further time to consider fully.

A Briefing Note, incorporating the results of the public consultation, would be circulated towards the end of March 2018 to early April 2018 ahead of the publication of the consultation results to the public and the Cabinet's April meeting. Any feedback from the Committee would be incorporated into the Cabinet report.

3. Draft Waste Management Strategy:

The Committee noted that this item had been deferred until the Committee's next meeting in May 2018, due to tight timescales to provide the report to this meeting and the recent severe weather presenting an additional hurdle to progressing the report.

18 **Public Participation**

The Chairman explained the rules of public participation and invited the following to make their statements and ask questions:

- i. Marie Hillcoat – Statement, attached as an appendix to the minutes, about the Forward Work programme and in particular about the Waste Contracts Task Group.

The Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste agreed to respond to the comments and issues raised in the statement.

ii. Cllr Brian Mathew asked the following question:

Following the Cabinet member for Health's (inc Public Health) & Social Care, very welcome letter concerning the proposed Advanced Thermal Treatment facility - Ref: JW/PT/ WK201802542

We would like to know if Hills have as requested submitted a permit application so that an open and considered consultation process in relation to the ATT plant can be undertaken well before any construction phase commences.

The following response was provided by the Director of Waste and Environment:

Hills Waste Solutions (HWS) have previously set out their estimated timetable for submitting the environmental permit application during quarter two of 2018. They have a programme to prepare and submit the application. This involves a significant amount of technical information from a number of sources and the work takes time and diligence. HWS have estimated that construction will commence in summer/autumn 2018.

The Environment Agency has undertaken to carry out a public consultation as part of their process for determining the application. This is for the Environment Agency to programme regardless of the date of submission of the application.

Cllr Mathew asked a supplementary question about the release of particulate matter in exhaust fumes at the proposed ATT plant in Westbury. He asked if the Council was aware of wet filtration and suggested that this system needed to be a part of the plants construction.

iii. Harriet James asked the following question:

I am a member of the Westbury Gasification Action Group. We are opposed to the plan to build a waste incinerator in Westbury or anywhere else. I'd like to ask about Air Pollution in Westbury. It's related to Cllr. Matthews' comments.

Air quality in Westbury is already poor because of pollution from heavy traffic and other industries.

National Planning Policy for Waste states that waste planning authorities should consider the cumulative impact of existing and proposed waste disposal facilities on the well-being of the local community.

The Environment Agency has told us that they cannot include particulate matter smaller than 2.5 microns in size in the permit conditions for the incinerator, so we'd like to know who is responsible for monitoring the fine particulate matter below 2.5 microns as this has been implicated in particularly bad health effects under new research which has happened since the incinerator was given planning permission. So, there was a Public Health England guidance issued to Directors of Public Health particularly outlining that these micro-particulates were the dangerous ones. And I want to know whether the MBT plant is at the moment capable of filtering these micro-particles below 2.5.

I also wanted to ask if the Environment Committee could ensure that the Council starts monitoring cumulative air pollution in Westbury, not just traffic pollution.

The Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste agreed to respond to the questions.

- iv. Chris Walford asked a question about the support the Council could provide to a group of community volunteers in Warminster who are proposing a food waste collection service in the town. He asked if the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste would meet the group and whether there would be any possibility of the Council helping to fund the project.

The Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste confirmed that she would meet the group to discuss their proposals, however, due to the latest budget position, the Council would not be able to offer any funds towards the project.

The Cabinet Member also agreed to provide an update to the Committee at its next meeting.

The Chair thanked members of the public for attending to speak and ask questions.

19 **Annual National Highways and Transport Network Survey Report**

The Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste presented a report about the National Highways and Transport (NHT) survey and how the information is used by the Council.

The Chair welcomed Sharon Andrews, National Highways and Transport Network Account Manager, to the meeting.

The Committee was informed that the Council had taken part in the NHT public satisfaction surveys since 2008, and during this time, the surveys had proved helpful in identifying trends and provided an opportunity to compare public satisfaction results with those of other authorities.

The Head of Highways Asset Management and Commissioning explained that the surveys had been posted to members of the public using a random probability sampling methodology and the results were weighted to ensure that the achieved sample was fully representative and better reflected the known population profile. Wiltshire received a higher response rate compared to other authorities in 2017. It was noted that the information obtained from the surveys helped inform benchmarking being undertaken with other authorities through various groups and that it is proposed to continue the Council's participation in the surveys in future years.

The following matters were raised during the debate:

- The response rates in Wiltshire and stability of public perception.
- The differing highway challenges faced by urban and rural authorities.
- The use of emerging technologies and materials on highways to provide long term savings and increasing safety standards.
- Public perception of pot holes.
- The ongoing process to combat litter and the impact of Clean up Wiltshire Campaign.
- Promotion and introduction of best practice amongst authorities.
- Breakdown of information relating to specific communities in Wiltshire.

The Committee noted that public satisfaction with many aspects of road maintenance levels in Wiltshire had remained stable, against a background of reducing budgets and staffing levels since 2008.

Resolved:

- i) To recognise the value of the NHT survey in helping to understand public satisfaction regarding highway services.**
- ii) To support the continuing participation of this Council in the NHT survey.**
- iii) To thank Sharon Andrews for attending this meeting.**

20 **Streetworks and Utilities Management**

The Committee considered a report of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste, outlining how street works by utility companies and others are managed by the Council.

The Committee was reminded that during their Executive Annual Meeting on the 'Highways and Transport' portfolio, it had requested information about how streetworks operate in Wiltshire, to help the Committee's understanding of the partnerships between the Council and Utilities Management companies.

The report highlighted detailed information about the highway network in Wiltshire, the Councils responsibilities in managing the highway network, including reinstatements of the highway and inspections of works undertaken by utility companies. In addition, the report contained information about the new Highways Infrastructure Management System and how the Council engaged with national policy.

The following matters were raised during the debate:

- The quality of reinstatements and the materials used to match existing materials.
- Introduction of new powers to encourage streetworks during quiet periods.
- Guidelines on 'Ghost Works' where works had commenced then been left unattended for a period of time.
- Examples of the use of universal conduit to house services pipes and cables alongside pavements.
- The coordination of Council streetworks to coincide with utility companies.
- Repairs to street lights and future use of LED lights retro-fitted to existing lighting columns.
- Suitability of diversion routes during works to major roads, for example the A303 and proposed works at Stonehenge, and the impact on trade in town centres.
- Dropped kerbs for residential properties.
- The new Highways Infrastructure Management System (HIAMS) and how it provides mobile working for street works technicians, and links to the Councils website providing improvements to the information available to the public.

The Head of Highways Asset Management and Commissioning informed the Committee that temporary reinstatements may be left for six months and that the utility company only guaranteed the reinstated surface for two years. After this time, responsibility for the reinstated surface became the responsibility of the Council. It was noted that in some instances reinstated surfaces start to fail with a short space of time. It was suggested that Parish Councils check the reinstatement works after a period of eighteen months and report any defects to the Highways Engineers. This would then enable the responsibility of a reinstatement repairs to be with the utility company.

Resolved:

- i) To acknowledge the high number of works activities and notices on the highway network dealt with annually by the Council's street works team.**
- ii) To recognise the efforts made by the Council's Network management team to balance the competing demands for the limited road space on the highway network.**

- iii) To support the efforts being made to provide better information to the public through the website and the introduction of more mobile working for the street works team.
- iv) To encourage the engagement of the Council's street works team in national working groups and with the Department for Transport.
- v) The Chairman to ask the Committee in one year's time whether they would wish to review how HIAMS has impacted on streetworks and, if so, an item be added to the Committee's Forward Work Programme.

21 **Reduced Road Casualties 2016**

The Committee considered a briefing note of the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Highways, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, European Structural Investment Fund, Canals and Military Civilian Integration, providing an update about the data from recorded road traffic collisions in 2016, with a summary of the accident prevention/reduction activities undertaken by the Council and its partners.

The Committee was reminded that during their Executive Annual Meeting on the 'Highways and Transport' portfolio a discussion was held about the Council's promotion of the 'Staying Alive' campaign for road users and cyclists. It was noted that this was the nineteenth report highlighting the progress of the Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partners towards reaching the 2020 casualty reduction target adopted by the Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership.

Officers responded to questions about the Council's spend on road casualties compared to the base budget for Highways; and performance comparisons between local authorities in relation to the reduction in the number of killed and seriously injured casualties.

Resolved:

- i) **To note the 2016 road traffic collisions report.**
- ii) **To receive an update from the Head of Service – Sustainable Transport, following discussions with Somerset about the recent reduction achieved in killed and seriously injured casualties in the county.**

22 **Updates from Task Groups and Representatives on Programme Boards**

The Committee received updates on recent activity for the following Task Groups:

- i) The Council's Playing Pitch Strategy

The Committee received an update from the Cabinet Member for Communities, Communication, Leisure and Libraries about the

development and delivery of actions following the adoption of the Wiltshire Playing Pitch Strategy (WPPS) in February 2017.

The report highlighted that the WPPS was endorsed in 2017 by Cabinet following the Environment Select Committee input into the Strategy at their meeting on 13 December 2016. The Committee agreed to receive annual updates on the development of the Strategy. In addition, the report indicated that the WPPS supplemented the Local Plan with regard to the protection of open spaces and assuring that appropriate facilities are constructed in the right place. The WPPS works in partnership with developers to guarantee funding for these open spaces.

The Cabinet Member for Communities, Communication, Leisure and Libraries referred to the allocation of developers S106 monies to three key projects detailed in the report. He explained that the Council is working closely with the Wiltshire Football Association about the provision of six 3G pitches, and that two Wiltshire rugby clubs had been identified in the Rugby Football Union National Facilities Strategy to receive financial support for development. He also gave an update on a recent meeting between representatives from Wiltshire Council, South Wilts Grammar School for Girls and Salisbury Athletics and Running Club. Copy attached to these minutes.

The Committee was informed of the Strategy's Implementation Group membership, noted their input into the annual report and how the allocation of S106 monies was being replaced by Community Infrastructure Levy monies. In addition, the Committee discussed the differences and potential influences for the funding of different sports, including football and hockey. It was suggested that Ministry of Defence (MOD) sporting facilities could be made available for community use. The Cabinet Member confirmed that he was in discussions with the MOD about this matter.

Resolved:

i) To note the update about the development and the delivery of actions following the adoption of the Wiltshire Playing Pitch Strategy in February 2017.

ii) To agree that no further overview and scrutiny engagement, by way of an annual update, is necessary, unless the topic becomes a matter of public interest again.

ii) Waste Contracts Task Group

The Committee were reminded that following their Annual Meeting on the 'Waste Portfolio' it was agreed that a Waste Contracts Task group be established and this was endorsed by the Committee at its meeting on 21st November 2017.

The Chair of the Task Group and Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that the first meeting of the Task Group was held on 27th February 2018 and that the Task Group had decided to present a report to the Committee requesting delegated authority to endorse a particular option of the Waste Service's Marketing Plan, as tight timescales may not allow the Task Group to report their findings to the Committee prior to the sign off of the Marketing Plan.

The Chair referred to the public statement at Minute 18 above, relating to the Waste Strategy Task Group and their desire to present evidence to the Task Group. He explained the role of the Task Group, how they operated and the preparation of recommendations for consideration by the Environment Select Committee. He further indicated that the public were invited to lobby the Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder and that the public views would then be considered as appropriate by the Task Group.

Resolved:

- i) To support the Waste Contracts Task Group receiving the requested additional information around pricing, before giving their support to a particular option identified within the Waste Service's Communications Strategy;**
- ii) To endorse the Waste Contracts Task Group's approach that, in order to help protect the environment, it is imperative that communications about changes to waste services collection be as effective as possible.**

23 Forward Work Programme

The Senior Scrutiny Officer introduced the Committee's Forward Work Programme, asked for confirmation about how to progress a number of items and provided updates on the following areas:

- Position Statement on the Council's ECO Strategy
- Emissions and the Government's 25 Year Environment Plan
- Re-Commissioning of Housing Service Support Contracts

In considering the Council's ECO Strategy, it was suggested that the report be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee, to enable the appropriate Cabinet Members and Director to be in attendance and respond to comments and questions.

Resolved:

- i) To request information relating to: air quality and the emissions issues around waste management processes; an explanation on air quality management plans; the process when areas of**

- Wiltshire exceed are quality limits; lessons learned from part of the County to the other in regard to minimising poor air quality.
- ii) To defer consideration of the ECO Strategy to the next meeting of the Committee.
 - iii) That the Forward Work Programme be updated to reflect the changes detailed above.

24 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

25 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 1st May 2018 at 10.30am.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 1.20 pm)

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Environment Select Committee 13th March 2018

Public Participation:

With the formation of the Waste Contracts Task Group and the awaited publication of the draft Waste Strategy there are still opportunities to make strong decisions on Wiltshire's path toward a sustainable future. A 'deep dive' is indeed needed to understand the environmental and social consequences of a strategy that seeks to change behaviour and recover value from waste.

Many of us have already dived in and now know the term, Waste Hierarchy. Many people involved in the campaign against the proposed incinerator in Westbury, know it too. They are asking questions, looking at the science, at planning, at what it means to win a contract from Wiltshire Council.

Which councillors here know and understand the technology planned? Their knowledge of incineration will lead to the best decisions. Councillors should rightly question not only the finer points of labelling bins which are significant but also the costs of entering into contracts requiring oversight and scrutiny.

For example, to dig into the proposed contract with Hills - do councillors know the effect the treatment of bottom ash from the incinerator will have on gate fees? I trust committee members to be informed on costings. And to know that ash may become subject to the same controls as for natural and secondary aggregates ie., heavy metal removal from incinerator stock. Wiltshire Council does not currently publish the gate fees so I cannot form my own opinion.

As council tax payers we want to be as involved as our councillors so that partnerships can thrive. The partnership I have with Hills Waste Recovery is an unequal one – I do not charge for sorting out my recycling, my goods, or for carrying them to the kerbside. I pay Hills to take my recycling and then to process it for the company's profit. What direct return do I receive in this transaction or 'contract'? The income I receive is not tangible to me as a council tax payer. My labour, my time has not been costed. I would work even harder if I knew this exchange meant income generation for the council and services for other Wiltshire residents.

We urge councillors and officers to further engage with the public and delve into terms like the circular economy, income generation, regional waste disposal, joint procurement and finally, to fully apply the Waste Hierarchy.

Marie Hillcoat

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Environment Select Committee – 13 March 2018

Cllr Thomson statement regarding Salisbury Athletics Track

Representatives from Wiltshire Council, South Wilts Grammar School for Girls and Salisbury Athletics and Running Club met to explore new solutions to enable the athletics track to be used by the school, the athletics and running club, and other users.

The meeting was productive and both long and short term options were discussed and further work is now underway to take these options forward.

A second meeting has taken place and received an update on this work and discussed and agree the next steps.

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29th January 2018

Dear Daniel

Malmesbury Flood Precautions – 30/31 December 2017

At our recent Town Council meeting it was agreed unanimously that I would write on behalf of Malmesbury Town Council to offer our thanks and appreciation for the contribution you made towards arranging the precautionary flood defences for St. John Street, Malmesbury over the weekend of 30/31 December 2017.

While the defences were not deployed this time, it was good to see the deployment plan being put into effect, allowing all parties to understand their areas of responsibility, flagging any concerns or challenges and identifying opportunities for further development.

As you know this area has flooded several times over the past 10 years or so, heaping significant distress on the residents of that area. The pro-active partnership approach to alleviate this situation moving forward has received much positive press within the town, and it is for that reason I am writing to pass on our thanks.

We are very grateful for your involvement. Please also pass on our thanks to other members of your team who were involved, but whose details we do not have.

Yours sincerely,

Wayne Jones

Cllr Wayne Jones
Town Mayor

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Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

1 May 2018

Task Group and Programme Boards Representatives Updates

Purpose

To provide an update on recent task group and programme board activity and propose any decisions requiring Committee approval.

1. Waste Contracts Task Group

Membership:

Cllr Peter Evans

Cllr Sven Hocking

Cllr Ruth Hopkinson

Cllr Bob Jones, MBE

Cllr Jacqui Lay

Cllr Nick Murry

Cllr Robert Yuill (Chairman)

Supporting Officer: Natalie Heritage

Terms of Reference:

1. To support the delivery of the Business Plan 2017-27 objective(s) of high recycling rates and reducing litter by monitoring, scrutinising and supporting:
 - a) A review of the council's commercial waste policy
 - b) Increased awareness of changes to waste collections
 - c) The implementation and performance of the council's waste contracts for collecting and managing waste and recyclables (Lot 1, Lot 3, Lot 4 and Lot 5 - commencing 30 July 2018)
 - d) The performance of the contract for managing council-owned HRCs (commenced October 2017 – Lot 2)
 - e) The potential development of services within the council's waste contracts.

2. To hold quarterly meetings to focus on the waste contracts (following their commencement), with further ad-hoc meetings convened, when appropriate, to consider other areas within the terms of reference above.

Recent activity:

The Waste Contracts Task Group met on Thursday 12 April to consider the requested amended pricing model of waste service's communication strategy and to review the draft communications information, namely the design for the leaflet and bin sticker.

The task group discussed how feasible it would be for staff on the collection rounds to place bin stickers on each household's bin. Due to the tight timescale for each collection round and the uniform required for the workers to wear, it was relayed that it would not be possible for waste collection officers to undertake this task. However, the Cabinet Member signalled that she would respond to the task group with information on how much it would cost to ask additional staff to place the stickers on the bin. This information would be circulated to the task group electronically and the Chairman would then submit the group's comments back to the Cabinet Member.

Following this discussion, the task group decided to endorse 'Option 2' of the communication strategy; where direct mailing only occurs to those households who have not registered their e-mail address with waste services.

In regard to the design of the leaflet and bin sticker, the task group supported that these items be predominantly image based and any text ought to be minimal. As these items were still in draft form, the Cabinet Member indicated that she would take the task group's comments on board when it came to the production of the final versions.

The task group are due to meet again on 20 June to receive a briefing on the KPIs associated with the contract for Lot 2 (the management of HRCs). This meeting will help to inform the task group ahead of their field visit to Honeyball (near Calne), Devizes and Salisbury HRCs; which will help the task group to explore ToR 1,D.

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Environment Select Committee Forward Work Programme

Last updated 12 APRIL 2018

Task Group	Start Date	Final Report Expected
Waste Contracts Task Group	27 February 2018	October 2019

Environment Select Committee – Forward Work Programme			Last updated 1 APRIL 2018		
Meeting Date	Item	Details / Purpose of Report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
1 May 2018	Wiltshire Council Waste Management Strategy	As resolved at 16 January ESC, the Committee to receive the Council's draft 'Waste Management Strategy' ahead of consideration and adoption by Cabinet and Full Council.	Tracy Carter	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	Vicki Harris, Amy Williams
1 May 2018	Future Development	As resolved at 15 November ESC-Executive meeting on the 'Housing' portfolio, the Committee to receive a report on 'Future Development'. Detail to be included around: where proposed future development opportunities on public owned land could take place and the rationale behind this decision; and the process of public engagement into developing proposals for these sites, in order to help ensure that development is provided where it is beneficial	Tim Martienssen	Cabinet Member for Housing, Corporate Services, Arts, Heritage and Tourism	Mike Wilmott

Environment Select Committee – Forward Work Programme			Last updated 1 APRIL 2018		
Meeting Date	Item	Details / purpose of report	Associate Director	Responsible Cabinet Member	Report Author / Lead Officer
1 May 2018	Public Land Released for Homes and Jobs	Following the ESC-Executive Annual Meeting on Economic Development, it was agreed that the ESC receive a verbal briefing on how profit from development is being used to advance the County of Wiltshire as a whole. A presentation on this topic to be provided to the Committee with a Q&A session.	Tim Martienssen	Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning, Development Management and Property	Mike Wilmott
1 May 2018	Development where it is needed	Following ESC-Executive Annual Meeting on Housing, it was agreed that the ESC receive a verbal briefing on employment land and how the relevant policy is implemented across Wiltshire	Tim Martienssen	Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning, Development Management and Property	Tim Martienssen
26 Jun 2018	Resident Engagement Strategy	For the Committee to receive an annual update, in the form of a report.	Alan Richell (Interim Director - Housing and Commercial Development)	Cabinet Member for Housing, Corporate Services, Arts, Heritage and Tourism	Janet O'Brien
26 Jun 2018	Housing Board - Annual Report	For the Committee to consider the Housing Board's Annual Report, prior to Cabinet's consideration.	Alan Richell (Interim Director - Housing and Commercial Development)	Cabinet Member for Housing, Corporate Services, Arts, Heritage and Tourism	Ian Seeckts

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4 Sep 2018	Public Transport Review Update	As resolved at 21 November ESC, the Committee to receive an update from the Head of Passenger Transport on the progress with work on the integration of NEPTS and SEND and social care transport	Parvis Khansari	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	Jason Salter
4 Sep 2018	Reduced Road Casualties	As resolved at 13 March ESC, the Committee to receive a note following discussions with Somerset about the reduction in killed and seriously injured casualties in the county.	Parvis Khansari	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	Allan Creedy
4 Sep 2018	Government's 25-year Environment Plan	As discussed at 16 January 2018 ESC, the Committee to receive the Council's response to the Government's 25-year Environment Plan, published in January 2018.	Tracy Carter	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	

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6 Nov 2018	Highways Annual Review of Service	As resolved at 21 November 2017 ESC, the Committee agreed to continue to review the performance of the 'Highways' service area through the review of service annual report. At 16 January 2018 ESC, the Committee resolved that the development of the public satisfaction survey - for street scene key performance indicators - be part of the highways annual report. This public satisfaction survey to be included, as part of the annual report.	Parvis Khansari	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	Peter Binley
12 Mar 2019	HIAMS: Streetworks	As resolved at 13 March ESC following the consideration of a report on 'Streetworks and Utilities Management', the Chairman to raise with the Committee from March 2019 whether they would wish to review how HIAMS has impacted on streetworks and, if so, information on such an item to be brought to Committee.	Parvis Khansari	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	Peter Binley

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Not before 2nd Sep 2019	Highways Consultancy Contract	As resolved at 21 Nov 2017 ESC, for the Committee to receive a further update on the Highways Consultancy contract and the procurement process	Parvis Khansari	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste	Peter Binley
TBC	Emissions	To investigate possible scrutiny involvement in Wiltshire's emissions – as resolved at 13 March 2018 ESC, information to be provided relating to: air quality and the emissions issues around waste management processes; an explanation on air quality management plans; the process when areas of Wiltshire exceed air quality limits; lessons learned from one part of the County to the other in regard to minimising poor air quality.	Tracy Daszkiewicz (Director - Public Health and Protection)	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Public Protection	John Carter

Background

1. The Environment Select Committee (ESC) discussed at [16 January 2018](#) Committee that they would be interested in considering the Government's new 25-year Environment Plan.
2. This Briefing Note aims to provide a summary of the pertinent points highlighted in the [Government's 25-year Environment Plan](#) (hereafter referred to as "the plan") for the Committee's interest, with the aim of helping the Committee to decide which areas (if any) they would like to receive further information on. The Committee have already signalled that they would like to look at 'air quality'; which is one of the 6 areas of the plan.

Purpose of Committee engagement

3. The ESC is primarily interested in current (and likely future) Council policies that are designed to help mitigate detrimental impacts on the environment in Wiltshire.

Summary of the Government's 25-year Environment Plan

4. The plan's overall objectives include achieving the following:
 - Clean air
 - Clean and plentiful water
 - Thriving plants and wildlife
 - Reduced risk of harm from environmental hazards (e.g. flooding)
 - Using resources from nature more sustainably and efficiently
 - Enhanced beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural environment
5. Informed by the work of the Natural Capital Committee, the plan suggests taking into consideration the economic value of the environment; as this would more likely lead to its protection and enhancement. However, Government recognises that not all the benefits that nature provides can be quantified.

Important points of interest to the ESC

Development Planning

6. The plan includes a commitment to an 'Environmental Net Gain' principle for new housing and infrastructure development. One element of this is expanding the use of developer contributions in the form of tariffs to drive development to least environmentally damaging areas and increase investment in natural capital. One stated aim of the Government is to include this net gain principle in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

7. The NPPF has also been updated (March 2018) to state that development relating to the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats, such as woodland, ought to be refused.

Flooding

8. 2019 will see an updated flood and coastal erosion risk management strategy and it may be that the Committee decide to engage further with the Executive responsible for the flooding portfolio as this strategy becomes clearer. Interestingly, £15m has been earmarked by the Government until 2021 to explore the use of national flood management schemes.
9. Planning policy has been updated (from March 2018) with new guidance to include Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SuDS) in new developments.

Greener Towns and Cities

10. A national framework of green infrastructure standards will be created in co-operation with Local Authorities (LAs) and developers.

Increased resource efficiency and reducing pollution and waste

11. The plan recognises that there is a role for well-designed taxes and charges, to help enable cleaner economic growth. Indeed, this can already be seen through the Government's engagement with the 'bottle deposit scheme' and the 5p charge on plastic bags.
12. The commitment to ensure zero avoidable plastic waste by 2042 is also noted within the plan. This is aimed to be achieved through water bottle top-up points in towns and cities and the extension of the 5p plastic bag charge to small retailers.
13. The Committee will be particularly interested in the Government's hope to increase the number of LAs separating food waste, however, no indication has been given on how this objective could be achieved.
14. A consultation on a Clean Air Strategy is set to be commenced this year (2018) and is arguably the result of the Government losing in the courts for a third time, over its existing plans to tackle air quality. Again, this is especially relevant to the Committee, given the item on 'Emissions' listed on its FWP and the discussions that it has had over air quality recently.
15. New legislation is also mentioned to limit pollutants from combustion plants and generators used for heat/power generation in larger buildings.

Implementation of the Plan

16. There will be a consultation in 2018 on a new, independent and statutory body to help ensure that the Government has a voice and can uphold environmental standards as the UK leaves the EU.
17. The plan is due to be refreshed every 5 years and immediately after Brexit and there will also be annual parliamentary reports. National Ecosystem Assessments will occur every 10 years, with the next one being in 2022.
18. A £220m Clean Air Fund is available for LAs to apply for funding for projects that will help to reduce air pollution in their area.

Conclusion

19. LAs have a major role to play in the plan's availability to deliver green infrastructure and the net environmental gain in all new developments. The Committee will be interested in how the Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management Strategy and Clean Air Strategy consultations progress, as well as the Clean Air Fund and may decide to update their FWP accordingly.

Proposal

The Committee to decide whether to receive further information on the any of the following sub-topics of the Government's 25-year Environment Plan:

- Clean and plentiful water
- Thriving plants and wildlife
- Reduced risk of harm from environmental hazards (e.g. flooding)
- Using resources from nature more sustainably and efficiently
- Enhanced beauty, heritage and engagement with the natural environment

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Appendices

None

Background Papers

Bland S, 2018, [Briefing: A Green Future: Our 25 Year Plan to improve the environment](#), LGiU [11 April 2018]

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Chairman's Announcement

FWP item: More affordable homes to rent and buy

The Chairman met with Cllr Clewer, Cabinet Member for Housing, Corporate Services, Arts, Heritage and Tourism and Nicole Smith, Head of Housing Operations, for a briefing for the item previously listed on the Committee's FWP as 'More affordable homes to rent and buy' on 4 April 2018.

The Briefing explained that the Council has a statutory duty to provide a housing register and this is facilitated through 'Homes 4 Wiltshire'. If a Housing Association has housing stock within the County, then this housing provider can become a partner Housing Association of Wiltshire Council. Effectively, this means that this Housing Association must then abide by Wiltshire's housing allocations process, however, the Housing Association is entitled to their own lettings policies; which the Council has no control over.

Most partner Housing Associations have housing stock in other Local Authority areas (apart from Wiltshire). The result of this is that Housing Associations tend to have different lettings policies to Wiltshire's policies and this is because, as the Housing Association is present in a number of Local Authority areas, it would be too difficult for them to have to amend their policies per area and thus, they tend to adopt one over-arching lettings policy, which could naturally be different to the Council's lettings policy.

Due to changes in Government legislation and grant conditions, there are now very limited - if any - connections between the Council and partner Housing Associations. In regard to allocations of affordable housing, 25% of the Associations' stock can be allocated independently by the Housing Association, 75% of stock has to be allocated through Wiltshire's housing register (Homes 4 Wiltshire) and 100% of all affordable new build.

As a result of this legislation, the Council is unable to exercise much control over affordable housing. The Council's agenda is to continue to develop positive relationships with its partner Housing Associations in the pursuit of resolving issues in the best interest of the resident, e.g. eviction notices.

Following the discussion, the Chairman felt that the item listed on the FWP as 'More affordable homes to rent and buy' ought to be removed; as the Council is unable to influence the individual policies of each of the Council's partner Housing Associations, however, it is hoped that this Announcement would help to provide background to this decision for the Committee.

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