

AGENDA

Meeting: Environment Select Committee
Place: **Committee Rooms A - B, Monkton Park, Chippenham**
Date: Tuesday 10 May 2011
Time: **10.30 am**

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Cllr Peter Doyle	Cllr Stephen Oldrieve
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Cllr Jane Burton	Cllr George Jeans
Cllr Trevor Carbin	Cllr Julian Johnson
Cllr Chris Caswill	Cllr Howard Marshall
Cllr Nick Fogg	Cllr Jeffrey Ody
Cllr Russell Hawker	Cllr Anthony Trotman
Cllr Charles Howard	

PART I

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

1. **Apologies and Substitutions**

2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 1 - 6*)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Environment Select Committee meeting held on 2 March 2011.

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. **Public Participation and Councillors Questions**

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 (acting on behalf of the Director of Resources) no later than **5pm** on **Tuesday 3 May 2011**. 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. **Housing PFI Update** (*Pages 7 - 10*)

The Committee has had a long standing interest in the progression of the Housing PFI project, receiving reports in November 2009, May 2010 and an oral update from the Project Manager in July 2010. In the last update members learnt that Cabinet had approved the agreement and it was hoped that following scrutiny from central government the project would commence to provide 350 new social rented homes over 2 phases.

An update on the status of the PFI Project is now provided and the Committee is asked to consider its content and raise any comments or queries with the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Planning and Housing.

7. **Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment** (*Pages 11 - 48*)

The Committee considered a report on Flood Risk Management in September 2009, where the proposed Flood Management Strategy was outlined together with the progress made against the Pitt report recommendations.

The Committee is now asked to consider the work of the Flood Working Groups and the progress made against Flood Risk Management in Wiltshire. Members are also asked to approve the draft Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment, which the Environment Agency has recommended should be considered by scrutiny before formal approval.

8. **Carbon Management Plan** (*Pages 49 - 118*)

The Committee at its previous meeting held in March 2011 received an update on the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme. During the subsequent debate members invited the Head of the Energy Change and Opportunity (formerly Climate Change) Team to return to the next meeting of the Committee to present the latest version of the Council's Carbon Management Plan, which is the principal means of reducing the Council's Carbon Reduction Commitment liabilities.

A report setting out the Council's Carbon Management Plan 2010-2014, as the first of four action plans under the Council's recently adopted Energy, Change and Opportunity (ECO) Strategy is now attached for consideration.

9. **Scrutiny of Procurement and Commissioning**

The Organisation and Resources Select Committee at its meeting held in November 2010 considered a report on the challenges faced by the Council in driving a more focused and professional approach into the Council's procurement and commissioning activities and outlined options on how best to scrutinise this area of work in the future.

Following on from the decision taken by the Select Committee, the Liaison Board considered a report which provided details of the proposed approach to future scrutiny of procurement and commissioning.

Restructuring has since taken place since the preparation of the report within the Resources directorate in response to budget restrictions and this has reduced the amount of dedicated resource available to Scrutiny.

With this in mind the Liaison Board resolved that future scrutiny of procurement and commissioning would be dealt with by way of one dedicated Procurement and Commissioning Task Group which would report directly to the Organisation and Resources Select Committee, replacing the Major Contract Task Groups. The focus of work would move away from individual contract reviews to focus on the overall procurement and commissioning programme, as detailed in

the Business Plan. Task Group membership will consist of one representative from each of the four select committees in addition to Cllr Tony Deane and Cllr Nigel Carter, who have led on a number of scrutiny activities into procurement and commissioning.

To ensure consistency and to retain the knowledge gained by the individual Major Contract Task Groups, it is anticipated that each Select Committee will appoint a member who sat on their respective Major Contracts Task Group.

Recommendation:

To agree to the disbandment of the Environment Select Committee's Major Contracts Task Group;

To approve the new Task Group arrangements for scrutinising procurement and commissioning; and

To nominate a member to join the new 'Procurement and Commissioning Scrutiny Task Group'.

10. **Project Board Update**

This item is included within the agenda to allow the Committee to receive updates from scrutiny representatives on Project Boards where updates are available. At the last meeting of the Committee members requested the scrutiny officer to find out what progress had been made towards delivery of the Gypsy and Travellers Strategy. This was in response to Cllr Green, scrutiny representative on the Board, who highlighting that there appeared to have not been a project meeting for a number of months. In response reassurance has been given from the project leads that a meeting will take place at the end of May with the reason for the delay down to the former project manager leaving the organisation at the start of the year.

11. **Business Plan (Pages 119 - 124)**

The Overview and Scrutiny Liaison Board at its meeting held on 10 February 2011 considered the draft Business Plan in order to determine how best to scrutinise the Plan relevant to each Committee prior to consideration by Council on 22 February where it was formally adopted.

The scrutiny officer in consultation with the chairman and vice-chairman has now been through the Business Plan and themes relevant to the Environment Services Select Committee identified.

The Committee is now asked to consider the report attached which includes details of the identified themes.

12. **Forward Work Programme (Pages 125 - 128)**

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

13. **Urgent Items**

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

14. **Date of next Meeting**

5 July 2011.

PART II

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

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