

AGENDA

Meeting: Environment Select Committee
Place: Council Chamber, Monkton Park, Chippenham
Date: Thursday 21 July 2011
Time: 10.30 am

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Membership:

Cllr Chuck Berry	Cllr Chris Humphries
Cllr Rosemary Brown	Cllr Tom James MBE
Cllr Nigel Carter	Cllr Howard Marshall
Cllr Christopher Cochrane	Cllr Ian McLennan
Cllr Peter Doyle	Cllr Stephen Oldrieve
Cllr Jose Green	Cllr Leo Randall
Cllr Alan Hill	

Substitutes:

Cllr Jane Burton	Cllr Charles Howard
Cllr Trevor Carbin	Cllr George Jeans
Cllr Brian Dalton	Cllr Julian Johnson
Cllr Bill Douglas	Cllr Jeffrey Ody
Cllr Nick Fogg	Cllr Anthony Trotman
Cllr Russell Hawker	

PART I

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

1. **Election of Chairman**

To elect a Chairman of the Select Committee for 2011/2012.

Nominations will be sought orally from those present at the meeting. Voting will be by way of a show of hands.

2. **Election of Vice-Chairman**

To elect a Chairman of the Select Committee for 2011/2012.

Nominations will be sought orally from those present at the meeting. Voting will be by way of a show of hands.

3. **Apologies and Substitutions**

4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 1 - 10*)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Environment Select Committee meeting held on 10 May 2011.

5. **Declarations of Interests**

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

6. **Chairman's Announcements**

7. **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 Thursday 14 July 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.

8. **Waste Recycling and Collection Service** *(Pages 11 - 20)*

The Committee considered a report on the harmonisation of the Waste Collection Service in March and resolved to request a further update on the progress in July.

Attached is a report from the Director of Neighbourhood and Planning which updates the work taking place to deliver a single Waste Collection and Recycling Service across Wiltshire. Also included is a brief overview of the latest position towards the construction of a Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) Plant in Westbury, which is planned to divert 60,000 tonnes of waste from landfill.

The Cabinet Member with responsibility for waste will be available to respond to any questions the Committee members may have when considering the report.

9. **Air Quality Strategy**

The Committee will recall that at its July 6, 2010 meeting the draft Air Quality Strategy was considered ahead of its submission to Cabinet. The item concluded with the Committee recommending that its comments were taken on board by the Cabinet member. The strategy has now been included on the Cabinet agenda for its September 13, 2011 meeting.

In conjunction to this on June 16, 2011 councillors Nigel Carter and Alan Hill, acting as representatives of the ICT Task Group, met with the ICT Programme Manager for a one-off review of the ICT Air Quality Project. As part of this exercise the two suppliers of the pollution monitoring systems were found to not meet government 'CoCo' data requirements, set to ensure that the data was transferred securely. Concern was raised by the members that the approach to data monitoring had not yet been harmonised, and ICT was unaware of all Wiltshire areas subject to air quality monitoring. During this exercise the members agreed that they would refer their concerns to the Environment Select Committee.

Recognising that Cabinet is shortly to be asked to endorse the Air Quality Strategy, the recommendation to emerge from the ICT Scrutiny Task Group and the historic interest of the committee towards air quality, the Cabinet member has been invited to attend the meeting to be given an opportunity to respond to the issues raised and any other subsequent questions that the Committee may have.

10. **Delegation of Services to Town and Parish Councils** (Pages 21 - 24)

At the last meeting of the Committee, when considering the forward work programme, members agreed that they would like to receive an update on the authority's programme to delegate services to Town and Parish Councils; with particular interest in public conveniences.

The Cabinet member with responsibility for this area will be available to provide the Committee with an overview of the progress made and to respond to the Committee's questions.

11. **Procurement & Commissioning Task Group**

The Committee at its meeting held on 10 May 2011 received an update on scrutiny of procurement and commissioning following a review undertaken by scrutiny upon the release of the Business Plan and consideration by the Liaison Board.

The proposed approach to future scrutiny was that each select committee would approve the formation of a dedicated Procurement and Commissioning Task Group to report directly to the Organisation and Resources Select Committee and replace the Major Contracts Task Groups.

All select committees have now considered the proposals made and have resolved that a new Procurement and Commissioning Task Group be established in line with the recommendations made. The first meeting is expected to take place on 28 July 2011 with the following membership:

Councillor	Appointed by
Cllr Tony Deane/ Cllr Nigel Carter	Appointed due to previous scrutiny of Corporate Procurement Strategy
Cllr Mark Packard	Organisation & Resources Select Committee
Cllr Peter Doyle	Environment Select Committee
Cllr Jon Hubbard/ Cllr Bill Moss	Children's Services Select Committee
Cllr Peter Hutton	Health & Adult Social Care Select Committee

Although the Children's Services Select Committee supported the creation of the new task group (and named 2 members) it also decided to retain its existing major contracts task group. This may have resource implications for the future but will be discussed further at the next OS Liaison Board on 28 July.

The Committee is asked to note the outcome of the consideration given to the Liaison Board's recommendation and that the first meeting of the new task group will be held at the end of the month.

12. **Project Board Update**

To receive an update from scrutiny representatives on Project Boards where relevant. To include:

Housing Commissioning Board

Scrutiny Rep: Cllr Ian McLennan

Cabinet member: Cllr John Thomson

Gypsy and Traveller Project Board

Scrutiny Rep: Cllr Jose Green

Cabinet member: Cllr Toby Sturgis

13. **Forward Work Programme** (*Pages 25 - 28*)

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

14. **Date of next Meeting**

6 September 2011.

15. **Urgent Items**

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

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

NONE