

AGENDA

Meeting: Environment Select Committee
Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 28 October 2014
Time: 10.30 am

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Cllr Rosemary Brown	Cllr George Jeans
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Cllr Tony Deane	Cllr Ian Tomes
Cllr Nick Fogg MBE	Cllr Ian West
Cllr Mike Hewitt	Cllr Philip Whalley

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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 1 - 8*)

To approve and sign the minutes of the Environment Select Committee meeting held on 2 September 2014.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

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

4 **Chairman's Announcements** (*Pages 9 - 10*)

To receive announcements through the Chairman on the subject of One Card for Travel in Wiltshire and the Wiltshire Air Quality Action Plan.

Following a meeting of Full Council on 29 July, a briefing note was circulated to members on the One Card for Travel in Wiltshire. A written update from Cllr John Thomson on the progress of this initiative is attached.

A link to the draft Wiltshire Air Quality Action Plan is provided below:

<http://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/documents/s80843/Air%20Quality%20Action%20Plan%20-%20Plan%20-%20Report.pdf>

To receive any further announcements through the Chairman.

5 **Public Participation**

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 no later than **5pm on Tuesday 21 October**. 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 **Response to Flooding in Wiltshire**

6a **Wiltshire Flood Response Operational Plan**

The Flood Response Operational Plan, which the Committee has a duty to scrutinise, sets out Wiltshire Council's flood management arrangements and takes into account the Council's responsibilities under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and Reservoirs Act 1975. It details the coordinated response that would be required from Wiltshire Council in the event of severe flooding in the County.

In April the Committee was updated on progress of the comprehensive review of the Flood Plan and in September it received the Council's response to the unprecedented flood events that took place between December 2013 and March 2014, following a comprehensive and systematic review of the county's response to these events.

A full review of the Flood Plan is now complete and available to the Committee.

The Committee is requested to review and comment upon the proposed Wiltshire Flood Response Operational Plan so that any recommendations can be taken into account when the Plan is considered by Cabinet on 11 November 2014.

6b **Local Flood Risk Management Strategy**

Wiltshire Council is the Lead Local Flood Authority for the county and has prepared a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy to describe its approach to flooding and how it will work with other organisations. Public consultation is being carried out on the proposed Strategy, the deadline for responses is December.

The Committee is asked to consider the proposed Wiltshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy so that its recommendations can be taken into account when the Strategy is considered by Cabinet .

7 **Highways Contracts - Annual Review of Service** (Pages 87 - 96)

The Highways and Streetscene Contract (BBLP) Task Group has been monitoring BBLP's performance since it was awarded the highways and streetscene contract in December 2012. Through the monitoring process, a number of areas were identified where progress on delivering the first year BBLP undertakings had not been as good as had been anticipated.

The Contract Task Group and Environment Select Committee now receives an update on progress with addressing outstanding issues by BBLP on the Council's Highways and Streetscene Contract and on the audit of the contract. The Action Sheet (Appendix 1), detailing how BBLP will address issues, is attached.

The Committee is asked to note the update.

8 **Gypsy and Traveller Plans** (Pages 97 - 98)

To receive a briefing paper on planning policies for Gypsies and Travellers.

9 **Updates on meetings with the Executive** (Pages 99 - 102)

To receive a report detailing meetings of the Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman with relevant members of the Executive and Associate Directors to develop the Overview and Scrutiny Forward Work Programme.

The Committee is asked to consider the report and endorse its recommendations.

The Committee is advised that a meeting has been arranged with Cllr Fleur de Rhé-Philippe for 25 November 2014 and an update from this meeting will be provided to the Committee at its December meeting.

10 **Forward Work Programme** (Pages 103 - 104)

To note and receive updates on the progress of items on the Forward Work Programme.

A relevant extract from the Overview and Scrutiny Forward Work Programme is attached for reference.

11 **Task Group Update** (Pages 105 - 106)

Written updates on Environment Select Committee Task Group activity are attached.

The Committee is asked to note the update.

12 **Urgent Items**

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

13 **Date of Next Meeting**

To confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting as 9 December 2014.