

AGENDA

Meeting: Environment Select Committee
Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 14 April 2015
Time: 10.30 am

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1 **Apologies**

To receive any apologies or substitutions for the meeting.

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 7 - 14*)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Environment Select Committee meeting held on 17 February 2015.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

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

4 **Chairman's Announcements** (*Pages 15 - 22*)

To receive the following announcements through the Chairman:

- One Card for Wiltshire;
- An update on community resilience workshops and emergency planning;
- An update on the Energy Resilience Board and the Wiltshire Energy Resilience Plan.

5 **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

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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 **Draft Highways Asset Management Policy and Strategy** (Pages 23 - 62)

Investing in highways is a key priority for Wiltshire Council. On 22 October 2013 Cabinet considered a programme of investment in road maintenance to improve the condition of the highways network in Wiltshire and agreed to increase investment to £21 million annually for six years from 2014/15, with Area Boards helping to identify local priorities for treatment. The Environment Select Committee welcomed the decision to include Area Boards in identifying areas of work required within their Community Areas and now receives a report on the ongoing road resurfacing programme and involvement of Area Boards in the process.

The report also includes the draft Highways Asset Management Policy and Strategy for contributions by the Committee prior to consideration by Cabinet on 19 May 2015. The draft Highways Asset Management Policy and Strategy has been prepared following new asset management guidance from the Highways Maintenance Efficiency Programme and a recommendation from the Department for Transport that authorities adopt an asset management approach.

The Council has applied the principles of asset management to the maintenance of the highways network for many years. This involves taking into account the lifecycle of the assets and monitoring performance of the intervention and investment strategies, with the objective of minimising expenditure while providing the required performance. However there is now a need to formalise this approach and adopt a policy and strategy in accordance with the latest code of practice on asset management.

The Committee is requested to comment upon the draft Highways Asset Management Policy and Strategy and consider the recommendations in the report.

7 **Recyclable Waste**

7a **Waste Task Group Final Report**

On 28 October 2014 the Environment Select Committee agreed that communications to householders regarding waste and recycling was a work priority and resolved to reconvene the Waste Task Group to review this area.

The Waste Task Group met on four occasions and, following an update to this Committee in February, the Task Group has drafted its final recommendations.

The Committee is requested to consider the report of the Waste Task

Group, endorse its recommendations and refer the item to the Cabinet member for response.

7b **Recycling Performance**

As a supplement to the Task Group report the Committee receives an update on the latest performance figures for recycling

The Committee is asked to note the update in advance of a report to Committee examining the implications of the new waste contracts for recycling services and performance at a later date.

8 **Task Group Updates** (*Pages 75 - 76*)

The Committee is asked to note the written updates on Environment Select Committee Task Group activity and consider any recommendations arising.

9 **Forward Work Programme** (*Pages 77 - 78*)

To note and receive updates on the progress of items on the forward work programme. A copy of the Overview and Scrutiny Forward Work Programme for the Environment Select Committee is attached for reference.

To receive an update on the potential line of work of a Core Strategy and Neighbourhood Planning Task Group.

Public Transport

Members will recall that the budget for 2015/16 includes strategic savings of £0.5m to result from a complete review and transformation of public transport in the County. During the debate on the budget proposal the Cabinet Member invited early engagement by overview and scrutiny in order to provide positive challenge during the review period. The Management Committee, in recognising the cross-cutting nature of the review, agreed that a joint task group with representation from all of the select committees be established with the Environment Select Committee taking the lead.

Matthew Croston, Programme Officer, will make a presentation to the Committee outlining the scope and timetable for the review to date including effective scrutiny engagement. The planned approach to the review needs to be agreed by the end of the month before moving on to data gathering, evaluation and consultation. On that basis, it is proposed that initial scrutiny engagement to look more closely at the scope and approach to the review will need to be in the form of a rapid scrutiny exercise with participation from the Chair and Vice Chairs of all the Select Committees. From that point, the usual process of seeking expressions of interest from all non-executive councillors in order to form the longer-term task group and potential scrutiny representative appointment to the Project Board will be undertaken.

The Committee is asked to endorse the above approach to scrutiny engagement in the review of Public Transport.

10 **Urgent Items**

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

11 **Date of Next Meeting**

To confirm the date of the next scheduled meeting as 9 June 2015.