

AGENDA

Meeting: Environment Select Committee
Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Trowbridge BA14 8JN
Date: Tuesday 27 October 2015
Time: 10.30 am

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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**

To approve and sign the minutes of the Environment Select Committee meeting held on 1 September 2015.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

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

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive the following announcements through the Chairman:

- Fracking consultation response (Habitats Regulations Assessment)

The Council responded to the 'Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) 14th Onshore Oil and Gas Licensing Round -Consultation on proposed assessment' published on 18 August 2015. The full consultation response was circulated to members of the Council as part of Briefing Note 257 and can be accessed on the website [here](#) (please note that there were two appendices with the briefing note).

It is currently expected that a report will be produced in due course following receipt of the consultation responses.

Environment Select Committee would be notified of any further activity on this topic.

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

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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 **Energy Resilience Plan**

In March 2012, the Environment Select Committee approved the ECO Board's recommendation to streamline three action plans, covering low carbon transition, renewable energy and affordable warmth, into a single energy resilience plan for Wiltshire.

The draft Energy Resilience Plan was considered by the ECO Board on 22 October 2015. The Environment Select Committee is now invited to comment on the Energy Resilience Plan before it is finalised and published.

A further presentation on the draft Energy Resilience Plan will be received at the meeting.

7 **Update on Street Lighting**

At its meeting on 9 June 2015, the Environment Select Committee raised the issue of street lighting reduction which was to be rolled out across the county from 1 July 2015. The Committee requested that it be updated on this issue.

To update members on progress made with regard to reducing energy costs and the carbon footprint of Wiltshire Council's street lighting.

8 **Wiltshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy**

The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) was reviewed by the Environment Select Committee on 28 October 2014, and was subsequently approved with minor alterations by Cabinet in December 2015. In view of the particular problems of ground water, a Groundwater Management Strategy has been developed (see **Appendix 2**) to augment the LFRMS.

To report on progress made with regard to flooding since the last report received by the Committee on 28 October 2014.

9 **Integrated Emergency Management Plan**

The Committee's attention is drawn to the fact that, at its 8 September 2015 meeting, the Management Committee considered the new Wiltshire Council Integrated Emergency Management Plan, ahead of its adoption by Full Council. This Plan details the Council's policy on emergency planning, and how the Council will discharge its duties for major incidents, business continuity and recovery. It also links to the Wiltshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy considered under item 8 on the agenda.

The Integrated Emergency Management Plan can be found in the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee's agenda [here](#).

The Committee is recommended by the Management Committee to be aware of the purpose and content of the Plan when undertaking its work.

10 **Wholly Owned Subsidiary Rapid Scrutiny**

On 8 September 2015 Cllrs Bridget Wayman, Peter Evans and Magnus Macdonald took part in the Rapid Scrutiny Exercise, established by the Environment Select Committee, to consider the report on Future Delivery Model for the Repairs, Improvements and Maintenance of Council Owned Assets.

The outcome report of the rapid scrutiny exercise was presented to Cabinet on 15 September 2015 and can be accessed using the links below:

[Wholly Owned Subsidiary - WOS](#)

[Wholly Owned Subsidiary - WOS - Options Paper](#)

[Report - outcome of the rapid scrutiny 08.09.15](#)

[Wiltshire Council High Level Options Appraisal Report](#)

Another rapid scrutiny exercise will be undertaken, prior to the formal start of the procurement process, to enable the scrutiny members to consider the details of the proposed WOS.

The Committee is asked to endorse the work done by the rapid scrutiny exercise.

11 **Highways and Streetscene task group - early termination of the Highways and Streetscene Contract with Balfour Beatty Living Places**

The Highways and Streetscene Contract report, detailing the early termination of the Highways and Streetscene Contract with Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP), and the alternative arrangements for service delivery being put in place, will be considered by Cabinet on 10 November 2015. In advance of this, the Highways and Streetscene Task Group considered the report at its meeting on 15 October 2015.

A report detailing the conclusions and recommendations of the Task Group will be published prior to the Committee meeting. The Highways and Streetscene Contract report will be attached as an appendix to the Task Group report; the exempt information will be contained in a separate report circulated in Part II.

The Task Group report will be presented to the Committee by the Chairman of the Highways and Streetscene Task Group.

The Committee is asked to endorse the conclusions and recommendations of the Highways and Streetscene Task Group.

12 Task Group Update

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

The Committee is asked to agree the proposed membership of the Resident Engagement Task Group, to consider the areas of work the Waste Task Group should focus on, and to note the Task Group updates.

13 Forward Work Programme

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, these need to be agreed by the Committee and 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.

14 Urgent Items

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

15 Date of the Next Meeting

To confirm the date of the next meeting as 16 February 2016.

16 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

To consider passing the following resolution:

To agree that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting for the business specified in Item Number 15 because it is likely that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public.

Part II

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

17 **Highways and Streetscene Contract**

The Part II report contains the financial information in connection with the Highways and Streetscene Contract termination. This will be published as an appendix to the Task Group report.