

ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 MAY 2018 AT COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL.

Present:

Cllr Matthew Dean (Chairman), Cllr Bob Jones MBE (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cllr Derek Brown OBE, Cllr Peter Evans, Cllr Peter Fuller, Cllr Sarah Gibson, Cllr Mike Hewitt, Cllr Tony Jackson, Cllr Ian McLennan, Cllr Nick Murry and Cllr Steve Oldrieve

Also Present:

Cllr Tom Rounds and Cllr Toby Sturgis

1 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Jacqui Lay.

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Resolved:

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2018.

3 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chair made the following announcements:

1. **Update on Salisbury Town Centre**

The Chairman provided an update on Salisbury town centre following the recent nerve agent attack, in particular the continuing clean-up operation and increased workloads for Council Officers, impact on local business', the drive to promote Salisbury and securing high profile events in the City.

2. **Malmesbury Town Council – Flood Defences**

The Committee was advised of a letter received from Malmesbury Town Council thanking Wiltshire Council's Highways Principal Tech Officer,

Drainage for the contribution and positive engagement made towards arranging precautionary flood defences for St John Street, Malmesbury in December 2017.

3. Deferred Agenda Items

Members were informed that the following agenda items scheduled on the Forward Work Programme for consideration at this meeting had been deferred until the next meeting on 26th June 2018:

- Future Development;
- Development where it is needed; and
- The Draft Waste Management Strategy.

The Chair explained the reasons for the deferrals and confirmed that the Forward Work Programme would be updated accordingly.

4. Exploring Domestic Food Waste in Warminster

Members received an update about the meeting between the Director of Waste and Environment and Chris Walford representing a Volunteer Community Group from Warminster. The Committee were reminded that the meeting was a result of a request at the last meeting for discussions to be held about domestic food waste in Warminster (Min 18 iv – 13th March 2018).

The Group would now look to liaise with Warminster Town Council to establish if the Town Council is interested in establishing a voluntary local food waste collection scheme.

5 **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

6 **Public Land Released for Homes and Jobs**

The Committee received a presentation from the Head of Development Management.

The presentation focussed on the national legislation that governs the use of developer contributions received by the Council (Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 agreements), the background to their introduction and current usage, income received from the contributions and how this is distributed between the Council and Town/Parish Councils, and Government proposals to modify these contributions.

The Head of Development Management and Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning, Development Management and Property responded to the following statements, issues and questions raised by the Committee:

- Council's approach to the payment of CIL and S106 by developers

- Increase in the housing supply and potential impact on CIL and S106 contributions
- Timeframes for transferring CIL and S106 contributions to Town and Parish Councils
- Return of CIL and S106 contributions to developers in the last 3 years
- Lapsed planning applications and the payment of CIL
- Activating S106 payments
- Level of engagement between developers and Town/Parish Councils prior to application submission
- Concerns regarding land banking
- Timeframes for the commencement of developments
- The measurement used for CIL payments
- Level of input by Town/Parish Councils and development of Neighbourhood Plans
- Differences between developers that promote land for development and those focusing on the construction of developments
- Infrastructure improvements linked to S106 contributions
- Impact of army rebasing to Wiltshire and inclusion within the figures for CIL and S106 contributions
- Monitoring of developers fulfilling their obligations in connection with S106 agreements
- Collection and repayment of CIL and S106 contributions
- Impact of developments on neighbouring Town/Parish Councils and their ability to claim a proportion of the S106 contribution
- Developments based on either CIL or S106 contributions, and the differences between CIL and S106 funding for each of these developments

The Chair thanked the Committee for their contributions during the consideration of this matter.

Resolved:

- i. **To thank the Head of Development Management for his presentation on Developer Contributions and the Cabinet Member for Spatial Planning, Development Management and Property for attending and responding to issues and questions raised.**
- ii. **That the Head of Development Management prepare an update on:**
 - a. **whether any S106 money was returned to developers in the last 3 years; and**
 - b. **the amount of S106 money listed as “time expired” and has plans for such funds**

The Committee received updates on recent activity for the following Task Groups:

i) Waste Contracts Task Group

The Committee received an update from Cllr Yuill, Chairman of the Task Group. He explained that the most recent meeting of the Task Group was held on 12th April 2018 where they discussed the amended pricing model of the Waste Service's communication strategy and reviewed the draft communication information, which included the leaflet design and bin sticker. The next meeting of the Task Group was scheduled for 20th June 2018 to receive a briefing on the Key Performance Indicators associated with the contract for Lot 2 (Management of HRCs).

Resolved: To thank Cllr Yuill for updating the Committee on the latest work being undertaken by the Waste Contracts Task Group.

8 Forward Work Programme

The Senior Scrutiny Officer introduced the Committee's Forward Work Programme, asked for confirmation about how to progress a number of items and provided updates on the following areas:

- Government's 25-year Environment Plan and potential topics for inclusion within the Forward Work Programme
- More affordable homes to rent and buy
- Eco Strategy
- Question asked by Cllr Murry and response from Cllr Seed, Portfolio Holder for Flooding
- Briefing on Air Quality
- Visit to Waste Depot

Resolved:

- i. **To defer consideration of the following reports to the next meeting on 26th June 2018:**
 - **Future Development**
 - **Development where it is needed**
 - **Draft Waste Management Strategy**
- ii. **To remove the following items from the Forward Work Programme.**
 - a. **More affordable homes to rent**
 - b. **Planning Enforcement Team**
- iii. **To add consideration of the Government's 25-year Environment Plan, in particular the future of plastics, to the Forward Work Programme**

iv. To note the 'Emissions' item previously scheduled on the Forward Work Programme as TBC, has now been scheduled for 6th November 2018

v. That:

- a. A visit to Northacre Waste Depot, Westbury be held on either Friday 11th or Friday 18th May 2018. Members to indicate their preferred date for the visit to the Senior Scrutiny Officer, and an invite to then be extended to all members of the Council following confirmation of the date.
- b. To invite a representative of the Environment Agency to attend the visit.

vi. That the Forward Work Programme be updated to reflect the changes detailed above.

9 **Urgent Items**

There were no urgent items.

10 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for 26th June 2018 at 10.30am.

(Duration of meeting: 10.30 am - 12.40 pm)

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