

# **Minutes of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 9th April 2009.**

## **Present:**

<b>Members:</b>	Councillor	John Appleton
	"	George Atkinson
	"	Ken Browne (Chair)
	"	Jose Compton
	"	Gordon Collett
	"	Eithne Goode
	"	Doug Hodgkinson
	"	Joan Lea
	"	Ray Sweet (Vice-Chair)
	"	Sid Tooth
	"	John Wells
	"	John Whitehouse

**Also Present:** Councillor Martin Heatley, Portfolio Holder for Environment

<b>Officers</b>	Roger Newham	Chief Transport Planner
	Martin Stott	Head of Environment and Waste
	Paul Williams	Scrutiny Officer
	John Wright	Committee Manager

## **1. General**

### **(1) Apologies for absence**

No apologies for absence were received.

### **(2) Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

None

### **(3) Minutes**

The minutes of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

### **(4) Matters Arising**

#### **Minute 9 "Review of Concessionary Travel for Young People"**

Councillor Whitehouse reported that the Cabinet had approved funding for a consultant. Members were of the opinion that the terms of reference for the consultants work should be monitored to avoid the scope of the work being extended beyond its intended remit.

## **2. Public Question Time**

No public questions had been submitted.

### **3. Future Work Programme and Items Relevant to the Work of this Committee**

#### **(a) Provisional Items for future meetings**

The Committee agreed the future work programme.

The Chair reported on the progress of two reports which had initially been expected to be presented to this meeting of the Committee. The report on the "20's plenty" scheme had been delayed due to finalisation of the funding for the trial scheme. The Chair outlined discussions he had with the Strategic Director Economy and Environment on the identification of additional budget savings. The Chair had emphasised the role of scrutiny in monitoring the progress the Directorate was making in identifying savings and the Strategic Director had given an undertaking that a report would be submitted to the first meeting of the committee following the elections.

#### **(b) Forward Plan items**

Members noted the Forward Plan items relevant to the work of this Committee.

### **4. Rugby Joint Transport Review**

The Committee considered a report on a review, jointly commissioned with Rugby Borough Council, of transport issues affecting Rugby town centre.

The report set out thirteen detailed recommendations. The recommendations in the report had been endorsed by the Rugby Area Committee and Rugby Borough Council

Members welcomed the report and the recommendations. They were particularly concerned to note the problems caused by a lack of secure lorry parking in the area and felt that other District and Borough Councils should consider this issue as part of their reviews of their Local development Framework. Members were also of the opinion that many of the issues raised in the report were equally applicable to all parts of the County and therefore the Cabinet should be recommended consider adopting the recommendations countywide.

#### **Resolved that**

1. the Cabinet be recommended to
  - i. Approve and adopt the recommendations of the Rugby Joint Transport Review
  - ii. Consider whether the issues raised in the Rugby Joint Transport Review are appropriate for adoption across the rest of the County
  - iii. Request that the District and Borough Councils give consideration, as part of their Local Development Framework reviews, to the provision of secure lorry parking
2. A review of the provision of secure lorry parks be included in the future work programme of the committee.

## 5. Section 106 Agreements Review

The Committee considered a report on a review which had been undertaken of the processes related to Section 106 agreements. Members had gained a clear understanding of what was involved in entering into, implementing and monitoring section 106 agreements.

The report set out five detailed recommendations and in particular the panel had recommended that Members should be informed on a regular basis, of section 106 agreements affecting their division and adjoining divisions.

Members welcomed the report and the recommendations. The Committee felt that it was important for members to be aware of the schemes that had been agreed for their localities and to be able to monitor the progress of the implementation of those schemes.

**Resolved** that the recommendations of the Section 106 Monies Task and Finish Group be approved and implemented.

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Chair

The Committee rose at 11.20 a.m.