

Minutes of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 21 June 2007.

Present:

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| Members: | Councillor | Ken Browne (Chair) |
| | “ | Ray Sweet (Vice Chair) |
| | “ | John Appleton |
| | “ | George Atkinson |
| | “ | Sarah Boad |
| | “ | Richard Chattaway |
| | “ | Gordon Collett |
| | “ | Jose Compton |
| | “ | John Haynes |
| | “ | Joan Lea |
| | “ | Sid Tooth |

Also Present :

Officers:

Roy Burton, Operations Manager, Environment and Waste, Environment and Economy Directorate

Dave Clarke, Strategic Director, Resources Directorate.

John Deegan, Strategic Director, Environment and Economy Directorate.

Glenn Fleet, Sustainability Group Manager, Environment and Economy Directorate

Jean Hardwick, Principal Committee Administrator, Performance and Development Directorate.

Gereint Stoneman, Corporate Planning Manager, Performance and Development Directorate.

Martin Stott, Head of Environment and Waste, Environment and Economy Directorate

Paul Williams, Scrutiny Officer, Performance and Development Directorate

1. General

(1) Appointment of Chair

Resolved that Councillor Ken Browne be appointed as Chair for the ensuing year.

(2) Appointment of Vice Chair

Resolved that Councillor Ray Sweet be appointed as Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

(3) Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Eithne Goode and Martin Heatley.

(4) Members' Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Members should disclose the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

Personal interests relating to any item on the agenda arising by virtue of the Member serving as a district/borough councillor are declared below:

North Warwickshire Borough Council – Councillors Joan Lea and Ray Sweet

Stratford District Council - Councillor John Appleton

2. Reports Containing Confidential or Exempt Information

Resolved to exclude members of the public from the meeting for the item below on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972'.

3. Waste Management Targets and Waste Management Contracts

The Chair outlined the history of the issue under consideration and proposed a third recommendation as follows –

“The Council requires Corporate Business Plan targets in future to be sent to all Overview and Scrutiny Committees with a full explanation of any changes in the indicators used from one year to the next.”

The Committee considered the report of the Strategic Director of Environment relating to waste management targets and waste management contracts.

Following discussion Martin Stott answered Members questions relating to –

- (1) Recycling and landfill targets.
- (2) Collecting, monitoring and recording of waste collection, and
- (3) Undertook to arrange for the Committee to receive regular statistical reports on the county and districts waste management. He proposed that he discuss further with the Committee's Chair and spokespersons the type of information that they would wish to see included in the reports to ensure that it was meaningful, easily understood and relevant. Gereint Stoneman advised that the Committee could also

add their own targets to the 6 monthly directorate performance reports should they wish to do so.

Following further discussion it was resolved that Council -

- (1) be recommended to amend the target for the amount of municipal waste landfilled in 2007/08 compared with 2006/07 from a reduction of 0.1% (on the agreed 2006/07 landfill target) to a reduction of 0.5% to 1.0% on the 2006/07 landfill out-turn.
- (2) continues to comply with the terms of a particular contract.
- (3) requires Corporate Business Plan targets in future to be sent to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to approval by Cabinet and Council, together with a full explanation of any changes in the indicators used from one year to the next.

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Chair of Committee

The Committee rose at 10:45 a.m.