

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee

Regulatory Committee

Date of Committee

17 October 2006

Report Title

Appointment to Outside Bodies

Summary

The Committee are requested to consider:-

- (1) the appointment of a replacement for Councillor Ray Sweet on the Warwickshire Environmental Trust
- (2) the appointment of a replacement for Councillor Alan Cockburn on Scape System Build Limited together with the appointment of an alternate director.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?

Background papers

None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) -
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal
- Finance

- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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Report of the Strategic Director of Performance & Development

Recommendation

That the Regulatory Committee:-

- (1) Appoint a replacement for Councillor Ray Sweet on the Warwickshire Environmental Trust.
- (2) Appoint a replacement for Councillor Alan Cockburn on Scape System Build Limited together with an alternate director.

1. Warwickshire Environmental Trust

- 1.1 Councillor Ray Sweet has resigned his place on the Warwickshire Environmental Trust and the Committee are asked to appoint a replacement. As this place was one of those allocated to the Labour Group, the replacement member should come from that Group. Background information on the Trust is set out in the appendix to this report.

2. Scape System Build Limited

- 2.1 Scape System Build Limited is the successor organisation to CLASP, which was an unincorporated association. In addition to the County Council, the following local authorities are members of SSBL – Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council .
- 2.2 Councillor Alan Cockburn has resigned from SSBL and a replacement is requested. As this was a Conservative Group allocation, the replacement member should be from that Group.

2.3 The Committee are also being asked to appoint an alternate director who may be an officer.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- The Trust was set up in 1998 by Warwickshire County Council in response to the introduction of the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme (the Scheme).
- It is a company limited by guarantee, a charity and an environmental body. The latter is a requirement for organisations wishing to access funding through the Scheme, i.e. only registered environmental bodies can administer grants. Local authorities cannot register as environmental bodies.
- It currently has 7 Directors, each of which was appointed for the knowledge and expertise they could bring to the work of the Trust. They meet four times a year with meetings currently being held at Garden Organic, Ryton. It was agreed at the September 2005 meeting that the Directors would take responsibility for functions/large projects, e.g. finance, publicity, and that any Director could choose to become more actively involved in work on community projects that the Trust is supporting.
- The Trust has one full time Administrator who is currently employed by Warwickshire County Council and is based within the Environment and Economy Directorate. EED provide some financial support for the Trust in addition to office space, access to IT equipment, stationery, etc.
- The main focus of the Trust is still the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. It gives advice and guidance on the Scheme and helps organisations access funding by working with them to develop projects and submit applications for funding. Funding is available for a wide range of environmental projects. The criteria are :
 - a) reclamation, remediation or restoration of derelict land
 - b) dealing with contaminated land
 - d) the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or public amenity
 - da) the conservation or promotion of biological diversity through :
 - i) the provision, conservation, restoration or enhancement of a natural habitat
 - ii) the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat
 - e) the maintenance, repair or restoration of a building or other structure which is a place of religious worship or of historic or architectural interest.

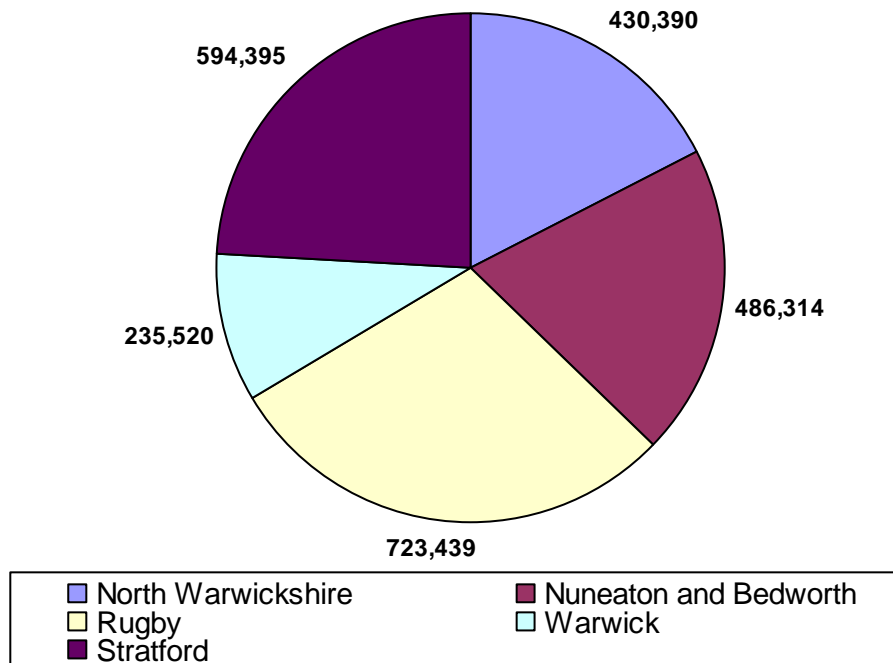
Directors

Mr Peter Galliford CBE, Mr Graham Harrison, Dr Susan Kay-Williams, Mr Peter Langley, Mr David Lloyd, Mr David Scott, Mr Nick Seale

N.B. category c (sustainable waste management projects) was removed from the Scheme in April 2003.

- Category d, da and e projects have to be within 10 miles of any licenced landfill site. In practice however all three generally have to be within 10 miles of the site where the landfill tax credits are generated that are being applied for. In addition d and e projects have to open to the public
- To date the Trust has administered just over £3.3 million for projects. It has also secured funding from WRAP (Waste Resources Action Programme) and CRED (Community Recycling and Economic Development – lottery programme).

Grants secured by area



- A total of £854,800 has been secured for county wide projects.
- In addition to continuing its work with local organisations the Trust is planning to develop and implement larger projects aimed at supporting the sustainable development agenda. A list of potential projects has been drawn up from suggestions made by the Directors – once these ideas have been further refined meetings will be arranged with organisations, individuals, etc. who have a mutual interest in the proposed area of work.