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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

6 February 2020

7.00 pm – 7.24 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

Councillor Simon Pickering (Chair)	P	Councillor Nick Hurst	P
Councillor George James (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Haydn Jones	A
Councillor Chris Brine	A	Councillor Skeena Rathor	A
Councillor Paul Denney	P	Councillor Haydn Sutton	A
Councillor Jim Dewey	P	Councillor Jessica Tomblin	P
Councillor Trevor Hall	A	Councillor Tim Williams	P

P = Present A = Absent

Officers in Attendance

Strategic Director of Place

Head of Community Services

Community Services Manager

Democratic Services & Elections Officer

EC.047

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brine, Hall, Jones and Sutton.

EC.048

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

EC.049

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2019 are accepted as a correct record.

EC.050

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

Councillor Pickering, the Chair, congratulated the Environmental Health Officers for their diligent work which resulted in a local construction firm being fined over £7,000 for illegal bonfires.

The Chair also advised that an information sheet regarding ash dieback had been circulated prior to the Committee Meeting. He stated that he had asked the Senior Arboriculture Officer whether there was a risk of ash trees dying on our land, and had been advised that the trees in public areas were surveyed frequently to ensure that there was no risk of ash dieback.

The Chair also read out a letter of thanks from a Member of the Public who congratulated the Council on its waste and recycling service.

EC.051**UBICO DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN 2020/21**

The Head of Community Services advised that the Committee had been given a chance to feedback on the Ubico draft business plan at the previous Committee meeting in December 2019 and that they were now being asked to approve the business plan.

Councillor Williams asked whether there were any specific reasons for the high sickness rates reported in some operational services. The Head of Community Services advised that the levels of sickness were due to various reasons and that in that type of industry you would expect a higher number of slips, trips and falls. He also stated that Ubico do review this regularly and feed back to the Health and Safety Board and to the directors.

Councillor Hurst questioned whether there had been any changes to the recycling and waste service since the incinerator at Javelin Park had been in use. The Chair advised that in environmental terms and the cost to the public it was better to recycle. Councillor Hurst asked for clarification as to whether we were required by law to give our waste to the County Council to dispose of. The Chair confirmed that the disposal authority (Gloucestershire County Council) had the power to direct where the collection authority (Stroud District Council) disposed of its waste.

RESOLVED

To approve the draft Ubico business plan 2020/21.

EC.052**MEMBER REPORTS**

- a) Planning Review Panel – There were no Members present at the Planning Review Panel who were available to provide an update. Councillor Hurst who had received a copy of the agenda advised that the meeting discussed the new Strategic Assessment of Land Availability (SALA) sites that had come forward.
- b) Stroud Regeneration Committee – The Chair advised that the Stroud Concordat had reformed and was now the Stroud Regeneration Committee, there had not been any meetings of the Stroud Concordat since the last Committee Meeting and the first meeting of the Stroud Regeneration Committee was due to be held on the 13 February 2020.
- c) Performance Monitoring – There was no update provided on Performance Monitoring, the next Quarterly Report was due to be taken to the Environment Committee on the 2 April 2020.

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WORK PROGRAMME

Councillor Tomblin advised that the Roman remains found on the housing site in Cam were going to be preserved and that further discussions would be needed between Bovis Homes, Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire County Council.

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MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were none.

The meeting ended at 7.24 pm.

Chair