

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

18 June 2015

 7.00 pm – 8.10 pm
 Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud
3**Minutes****Membership:**

Councillor Simon Pickering (Chair)	P	Councillor Colin Fryer	P
Councillor Paul Denney (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Chas Fellows	P
Councillor Liz Ashton	P	Councillor Haydn Sutton	P
Councillor Tim Boxall	P	Councillor Brian Tipper	P
Councillor Kevin Cranston	P	Councillor Ken Tucker	P
Councillor Julie Douglass	P	Councillor Tim Williams	A

P = Present

A = Absent

Officers Present:
 Strategic Head (Development Services)
 Planning Strategy Manager

Democratic Services Officer

EC.001 APOLOGIES

There were none.

EC.002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

EC.003 MINUTES
RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 March 2015 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.
EC.004 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

EC.005 WORK PROGRAMME

Members suggested the following areas of work were added to the Committee's Work Programme:-

- An update on the Council's Waste Contract;

- An update on CIL and the reasons behind this and its introduction (a report will be presented to Committee on 11 February 2016);
- The cutting of energy costs (this is included within the Carbon Management report (a joint meeting may be arranged with the Housing Committee at a future date));
- The Cotswold Way – could the sign posting be improved for the benefit of visitors (The Chambers of Trade for both Wotton-under-Edge and Dursley could be invited to a future meeting to discuss this visitor attraction).

It was requested and agreed that a copy of the draft agenda would be emailed to Committee prior to despatch.

RESOLVED **To note the Work Programme subject to the above additions.**

EC.006 **APPOINTMENT OF PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPRESENTATIVES**

The Chair confirmed that two members were required to monitor the performance of services within the remit of committee and provide a written report. Expressions of interest were made from Councillors Julie Douglass and Councillor Brian Tipper, if Councillor Tim Williams was unable to continue in this role.

RESOLVED **Councillors Julie Douglass and Brian Tipper would represent Committee. (Councillor Tim Williams confirmed he was unable to continue).**

EC.007 **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2015-16**

The Chair drew members' attention to the list of outside bodies within the remit of committee for the new civic year. Prior to the meeting the previous representatives had been contacted and were willing to continue in their roles, if another member did not come forward:-

Organisation

Berkeley Nuclear Stakeholders
 Lower Severn Drainage Board
 Minchinhampton and Rodborough
 Commons Advisory Committee
 Wessex Water
 Cotswold AONB
 Stroud Valleys Project Board
 Tyndale Monument Charity
 Countywide Strategic Planning Issues
 Group
 Rural SUDS Steering Group

Councillor(s) Appointed

Councillor Liz Ashton
 Councillor John Jones
To be offered to all members

 Councillor Liz Ashton
 Councillor Nick Hurst (confirmed 22/6/15)
To be offered to all members
 Councillor Ken Tucker
 Councillor Geoff Wheeler

 Councillor Simon Pickering

The Chair requested that in future representatives should provide a brief report to future meetings of the Committee to outline their work on their organisation. Councillor John Jones would be invited to present a written report to a future meeting regarding the Lower Severn Drainage Board.

Councillor Liz Ashton provided a verbal update on the work of the Berkeley Nuclear Stakeholders Group; a written report had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED To agree the appointments to outside bodies as set out above and give other Members the opportunity of representing the Council on the two vacancies.

EC.008 **STANDISH HOUSE: PLANNING CONCEPT STATEMENT**

The Planning Strategy Manager outlined the above report and appendices. He replied to Members' questions and confirmed that considerable investment would be required to enable the listed buildings to be renovated. Discussions with the Homes and Communities Agency would continue to ensure that the processes set out within the Statement are carried out.

Members debated the statement and were very supportive.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Standish House: Planning Concept Statement set out in Appendix A is adopted as Supplementary Planning Advice;
- (b) That the Council approves the response to consultees set out in Appendix B;
- (c) That the Council seeks to work with the Homes and Communities Agency to implement the contents of the Planning Concept Statement.

EC.009 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Chair