

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

13 June 2013

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7.00 pm – 8.45 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

Minutes**Membership:**

Councillor Simon Pickering (Chair)	P	Councillor Haydn Jones	P
Councillor Paul Smith (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Graham Littleton	A
Councillor Liz Ashton	P	Councillor Stephen Moore	P
Councillor Paul Denney	P	Councillor Roger Sanders	A
Councillor Chas Fellows	A	Councillor Brian Tipper	P
Councillor Nick Hurst	A	Councillor Martin Whiteside	P

P = Present A = Absent

Other Councillors Present:

Councillor June Cordwell	Councillor Mattie Ross
Councillor Keith Pearson	Councillor Geoff Wheeler

Officers Present:

Strategic Head (Development Services)	Policy Implementation Manager
Head of Finance	Public Spaces Manager
Canal Project Manager	Public Space Officer
Head of Planning	Building Control Manager
Planning Strategy Manager	Energy Officer Policy and Implementation
Head of Environmental Health	Senior Policy Officer
Accountancy Manager	Democratic Services and Elections Officer

EC.001 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chas Fellows, Nick Hurst, Graham Littleton and Roger Sanders.

EC.002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

EC.003 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None received.

EC.004 **INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

The Strategic Head of Development Services explained his service area which included the Council's carbon management programme and energy performance. Representatives from each of the service areas within the remit of the Committee gave brief outlines of the services they provided. Information sheets were made available at the end of the meeting and would be published in the Members' area on the Hub.

EC.005 **SERVICE COMMITTEE BUDGETS 2013-14**

The Accountancy Manager presented the above report which informed Committee of the services it was responsible for, together with associated revenue budgets for 2013/14. The first quarter budget would be presented at September's meeting when each Committee's budgets had been agreed. A detailed budget book would be provided to all Committee Members.

RESOLVED **To note the service budgets for which Committee is responsible.**

EC.006 **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Chair drew Members' attention to the list of outside bodies within the remit of Committee for the civic year:-

Organisation	Councillor(s) Appointed
Berkeley Nuclear Stakeholders	Councillor Liz Ashton
Lower Severn Drainage Board	Councillor John Jones
Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons Advisory Committee	Councillor Paul Carter
Wessex Water	Councillor Paul Smith
Cotswold AONB	Councillor Nick Hurst
Stroud Valleys Project Board	Councillor Paul Denney
Tyndale Monument Charity	Councillors Paul Smith and June Cordwell

RESOLVED **To agree the appointments to outside bodies as set out above.**

EC.007 **PERFORMANCE MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Chair confirmed that two Committee members were required to meet with senior management teams on a quarterly basis to monitor the performance of services within Environment Committee and report back on an exception basis. Several expressions of interest were made and it was

RESOLVED **Councillors Paul Smith and Stephen Moore would represent Committee.**

EC.008 **BUSINESS PLAN**

Members discussed future business and reports which they would like to discuss and take forward:-

- Waste Contract – Alternative approaches to waste disposal (December 2013).
- Ash Tree Die Back (September 2013).
- New Earth Solutions, Sharpness (a company who compost green waste have offered a tour of their facilities - Members agreed they would like to accept this invitation and possibly invite the company to give a presentation at a future meeting).
- Redevelopment of Brimscombe Port (progress report in September 2013 and final report in October 2013).

Councillor Martin Whiteside proposed a Motion that a cross party Task and Finish Group be set up to agree a way forward for the redevelopment of Brimscombe Port. Members from Strategy and Resources and Housing Committees would also be invited to participate. The Motion was seconded by Councillor Stephen Moore and unanimously supported by Committee.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Committee’s business plan be updated.**
- (b) To invite Members from the Strategy and Resources and Housing Committees to participate in a cross party Task and Finish Group to agree a way forward for the redevelopment of Brimscombe Port.**

EC.009 **MEMBERS’ QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chair