

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

15 DECEMBER 2016

7.00 pm – 9.20 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

3**Minutes****Membership:**

Councillor Simon Pickering**	P	Councillor Sue Reed	A
Councillor Paul Denney *	P	Councillor Haydn Sutton	P
Councillor Chris Brine	P	Councillor Brian Tipper	P
Councillor Jim Dewey	P	Councillor Jessica Tomblin	P
Councillor Chas Fellows	A	Councillor Ken Tucker	P
Councillor Skeena Rathor	P	Councillor Tim Williams	P

** = Chair * = Vice Chair

P = Present

A = Absent

Officers in Attendance

Strategic Head (Development Services)	Accountant
Planning Strategy Manager	Senior Policy Officer
Senior Planning Strategy Officer	Democratic Services Officer
Rural SuDs Project Officer	

Other Members Present

Councillor Steve Lydon.

EC.026**RURAL SUDS**

The Rural SuDs Project Officer provided members with a verbal update and presentation on measures that had been put into place within the district to prevent future flooding. A copy of the presentation would be published onto the Council's website.

EC.027**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chas Fellows and Sue Reed.

EC.028**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

EC.029 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 September 2016 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

EC.030 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

EC.031 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chair listed the outstanding items that Committee had not allocated to a particular meeting. The Chair, Vice-Chair and Strategic Head would meet and allocate these items into the work programme.

RESOLVED To add the following items to future meetings with the agreement of the Vice-Chair and Strategic Head:-

- Development of small neighbourhood projects for neighbourhoods (Councillor Sue Reed and an officer will work on this project)
- Policy for enforcement of planning conditions
- Support investment in green economy
- Energy Saving for tenants, LED Light bulbs
- CHP at Stratford Park Leisure Centre and possibility for heating the Outdoor Pool
- EA open up the weirs on the Frome to bring Salmon back to Salmon Springs.

EC.032 **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REVENUE ESTIMATES – REVISED 2016/17 AND ORIGINAL 2017/18**

The Accountant presented the above report and drew members' attention to the tables contained therein. A further report would be submitted to the Strategy and Resources Committee on 26 January 2017.

RECOMMENDED TO STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 1. The estimates set out in the report be approved.
2. Budget proposals as set out in paragraph 12 of the report be considered.

EC.033 **ECO-MANAGEMENT AND AUDIT SCHEME (EMAS)**

The Senior Policy Officer briefly outlined the background to EMAS and answered members' questions.

RESOLVED To continue with the current EMAS environmental management system and delegate authority to the Strategic Head of Development Services to choose the most appropriate accreditation system once the details of leaving the EU have been clarified.

EC.034 **CARBON NEUTRAL UPDATE**

The Senior Policy Officer explained the work that had been undertaken and confirmed that options were always being explored to further reduce carbon emissions. A Task and Finish Group was currently reviewing the Council's Environment Strategy and would report to a future Committee.

RESOLVED **To agree that the District Council remains a Carbon Neutral Authority.**

EC.035 **CONSULTATION DRAFT HERITAGE STRATEGY (DELIVERY POLICY ES10)**

The Senior Planning Strategy Officer outlined the draft consultation strategy.

The Chair moved a motion for an additional paragraph to be added to the decision box, "3. Authority is delegated to the Strategic Head of Development Services to make minor textual changes to the Draft Heritage Strategy prior to consultation", this amendment was seconded by Councillor Jim Dewey.

Upon the vote the amended motion was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED

- 1. Approve the Draft Heritage Strategy (Appendix A) and Issues and Options Discussion Paper (Appendix B) for the purposes of public consultation.**
- 2. Agree the use of the Draft Heritage Strategy and Issues and Options Discussion Paper as a basis for the drafting of a Heritage Action Plan.**
- 3. Authority is delegated to the Strategic Head of Development Services to make minor textual changes to the Draft Heritage Strategy prior to issue.**

EC.036 **KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: PROGRESS TO REFERENDUM**

The Chair confirmed that the Examiner's report was not yet available and therefore the item would be deferred and considered at a future meeting.

RESOLVED **To defer the report to a future meeting.**

EC.037 **ADOPTION OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) CHARGING SCHEDULE**

The Planning Strategy Manager gave an overview of the above report. He replied to members' questions, clarifying that affordable housing and self build properties (as defined in legislation and the Council's Local Plan) were exempt from CIL.

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL

- 1. The Community Infrastructure Charging Schedule (Appendix A to this report) be adopted;**
- 2. The Regulation 123 List (Appendix B) be implemented alongside the Charging Schedule from 1 April 2017;**

3. The discretionary relief and exceptional circumstances relief policies (Appendices C and D) be adopted with effect from 1 April 2017; and
4. The Council's Scheme of Delegations be amended as outlined in paragraph 3.5 of this report.

EC.038

PERFORMANCE MONITORING

A copy of the report was circulated to members prior to the meeting. The Strategic Head of Planning confirmed that on a recent visit the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) had confirmed that the processing of major applications had improved over the last two years.

EC.039

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

The Chair had received two questions from Councillor John Jones regarding garden waste which would be published onto the Council's website.

The meeting ended at 9.20 pm.

Chair