

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

14 December 2017

7.00 pm – 7.50 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership:

Councillor Simon Pickering (Chair)	P	Councillor Skeena Rathor	A
Councillor Paul Denney (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Haydn Sutton	P
Councillor Chris Brine	P	Councillor Brian Tipper	P
Councillor Jim Dewey	A	Councillor Jessica Tomblin	P
Councillor Chas Fellows	A	Councillor Ken Tucker	P
Councillor Alison Hayward	P	Councillor Tim Williams	P

P = Present A = Absent

Officers in Attendance

Director of Development Services
Principal Planning Strategy Officer

Democratic Services Officer

EC.028

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jim Dewey, Chas Fellows and Skeena Rathor.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

EC.030

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 September 2017 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

EC.031

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

EC.032 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The work programme was discussed and it was agreed to look at what further action the Council could take regarding protecting bees and their habitat.

RESOLVED **To note the work programme and add an item regarding further action the Council could take in protecting bees and their habitat.**

EC.033 **CAPITAL PROJECT MONITORING**

The Director of Development Services updated Committee on the various capital projects.

The Chair confirmed that when looking at replacement refuse vehicles the possibility of purchasing vehicles that are currently leased may be an option. When replacing fleet vehicles, the option of electric vehicles would be explored, to make further financial savings. The amount of recycling seems to have decreased at Horsley Tip and the Chair would make enquiries regarding this.

RESOLVED **To note the project updates within the report.**

EC.034 **MEMBER REPORTS**

- a) Performance Monitoring Representatives – the report had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- b) Stroud Concordat – Councillor Pickering confirmed he would provide an update at the next meeting.
- c) Planning Review Panel – an update was given by the Director of Development Services on Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy's report which was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

EC.035 **SEVERN ESTUARY RECREATION & MITIGATION STRATEGY**

The Director of Development Services confirmed that following further discussions with the Solicitor and Deputy Monitoring Officer the following additional comment had been made:

“It is understood the contributions are intended to be directed towards mitigation measures which do not readily fall within the definition of ‘Infrastructure’ under the Planning Act 2008. In line with the commentary provided in the Legal Implications, the CIL restriction prohibiting the pooling of no more than five obligations for the same piece of infrastructure does not apply to non-infrastructure contributions.”

The Principal Planning Strategy Officer introduced his report, confirming that a similar strategy had been adopted on Rodborough Common. Members' questions were answered.

The Chair moved a motion to give delegated authority to the Director of Development Services to make minor textual changes to Appendix A to improve clarity and understanding, which was unanimously agreed by Committee.

RESOLVED

- 1. To ADOPT the Severn Estuary Recreation & Mitigation Strategy (SE RAM) for Avoidance of Likely Significant Adverse Effects set out in Appendix A.**
- 2. To delegate authority to the Director of Development Services to make minor textual changes to Appendix A to improve clarity and understanding.**

EC.036

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were none.

The meeting ended at 7.50 pm.

Chair