

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SELECT COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 11 June 2013

Time: 18.00 hrs.

Place: Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage SG1 1HN

Present: Councillors: J Hollywell (Chair), R Parker CC, L Bell, P Bibby,
J Brown, J Mead, P Stuart and B Underwood.

Start/End Time Start Time: 6.00 p.m.
Ended: 6.45 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no apologies for the meeting, nor any declarations of interests.

2. TO APPOINT THE VICE CHAIR – 7 JANUARY 2013

It was moved, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Councillor R Parker CC be appointed Vice Chair of the Environment & Economy Select Committee for the Municipal year 2013/14.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE

It was **RESOLVED** that the Terms of Reference be noted.

4. MINUTES – 19 MARCH 2013

It was **RESOLVED**

1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment & Regeneration Development & Scrutiny Committee held on 19 March 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. That the Scrutiny Officer circulate the Portfolio Holder's response to the recommendations raised by the Committee as a result of the scrutiny review into Environmental Campaigns and Fixed Penalty Notices.

5. MINUTES – 13 MARCH 2013

It was **RESOLVED**

1. That the Minutes of the meeting of the Economy Enterprise and Transport

Development Committee held on 13 March 2013 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. That with regards to item 2- Minutes 4 February 2013, Recommendation S3- 'The Stevenage Cycling Strategy Action Plan', Officers be requested to provide an update on vehicle parking on cycle paths during Stevenage Borough FC match days in Fairlands Valley Park.

6. 2013/2014 SCRUTINY WORKPLAN

Introducing the report, the Constitutional Manager noted the changes to the scrutiny arrangements agreed at Annual Council but reminded Members that items previously agreed by the former Development and Scrutiny Committee's could be included as scrutiny items:

The following topics were discussed by Members as potential scrutiny items:

- Refuse and Recycling
- Parking
- Energy Management in SBC properties
- Indoor Market improvements

Members were also advised of the following Policy Development items for consideration in 2013/2014:

- Stevenage Borough Local Plan
- Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule

Members were concerned that in view of the changes to the scrutiny structure, that actions from reviews previously undertaken were not lost, therefore Members requested that written updates on the recommendations of the previous reviews be provided for the Committee. They include the following:

- Cleanliness of the Neighbourhood Centre Shops
- Use of Garage Compounds for alternative parking
- Fixed Penalty Notices and Environmental Campaigns
- Inward Investment Opportunities
- Business Support and Training & Employment Opportunities for Young People

Members were concerned with the lack of information as regards the Council's Green Travel Plan and requested a written update on its progress.

Members acknowledged the various car parking issues around town such as parking on grass verges, lack of parking bays and the painting of yellow lines and requested an Officer briefing.

It was **RESOLVED** :

1. That the Environment & Economy Select Committee notes the way that the Scrutiny Select Committee's will operate with regards to it's focus being on the spending, polices and administration of the Environment service area and that it note the more formal questioning of internal witnesses as detailed at paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3.
2. That having taken into consideration previously agreed scrutiny items by former Development & Scrutiny Committees, the Committee will scrutinise two issues, **Refuse and Recycling** and **Energy Management of SBC properties** in 2013/2014 Municipal Year.
3. That relevant Officers provide written updates to the Committee on previous reviews as listed in the report and the Green Travel Plan that had been subject to Policy Development work by the former Economy, Enterprise & Transport Development & Scrutiny Committee.
4. That the Policy Development work identified for the Committee detailed in the report be noted.

7. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

None.

8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

None

PART II

9. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

None

CHAIR