

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN

MEETING: Environment and Economy Select Committee
Tuesday 22 March 2016, Skimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN

MEMBERS PRESENT: M Downing (Chair), M Hurst (Vice-Chair), D Bainbridge, L Briscoe, R Broom, J Brown, J Fraser, J Mead and P Stuart.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor A McGuinness. There were no declarations of interests.	G Moody Ext 2203
2. MINUTES – 12 JANUARY 2016	
It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Economy Select Committee held on 12 January 2016 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	G Moody Ext 2203
3. 2016 / 2017 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME	
A revised paragraph 6.2 detailing previous scrutiny reviews was tabled at the meeting. From the list of options presented at paragraph 5.1 of the report the Committee expressed a preference to undertake reviews covering Neighbourhood Maintenance (inclusive of maintenance of the Public Realm and Cleaning of Underpasses), Allotments and the promotion of publicly available toilets. It was noted that the review into Neighbourhood Maintenance could also cover the interface with County Council services where	

service boundaries were perceived to be indistinct.

A review into Open Spaces was considered but it was noted that the scope of the review would need to be carefully chosen.

In addition to the scheduled revisit of the review into the Maintenance of Trees, Hedges and Shrub Beds the Committee wished to revisit the reviews into the Green Travel Plan, actions taken to address the issue of dog fouling and Cycleways.

The Scrutiny Officer undertook to draft a workplan for the Committee incorporating the above together with the Policy Development Work identified at paragraph 7.1 in the report.

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That Scrutiny Members' feedback on ideas for improving Scrutiny, as detailed in section 4 of the report be noted.
2. That having considered ideas put forward by individual Members as detailed in section 5 of the report the Committee determined that the following topic areas be considered as potential Scrutiny reviews items for 2016/2017:
 - a. Neighbourhood Maintenance (inclusive of maintenance of the Public Realm and cleaning of underpasses)
 - b. Allotments
 - c. Promotion of publicly available toilets.
 - d. Open Spaces
3. That consideration be given to including in the work programme specific monitoring or review of recommendations from the following previous studies:
 - a. Maintenance of Trees, Hedges and Shrub Beds
 - b. Green Travel Plan

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<p>c. Actions taken to address the issue of dog fouling d. Cycleways</p> <p>4. That the Policy Development work identified for the Committee, as detailed in section 7.1 of the report, be noted.</p>	
<p>4. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS</p>	
<p>None.</p>	
<p>5. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</p>	
<p>Not required.</p>	
<p>PART II</p>	
<p>6. URGENT PART II BUSINESS</p>	
<p>None.</p>	