

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

29 June 2017

7.00 pm – 8.40 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership:

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

** = Chair * = Vice Chair

P = Present

A = Absent

Officers in Attendance

Strategic Head (Development Services)	Democratic Services Officer
Accountancy Manager	Water Resources Engineer
Public Space Manager	Neighbourhood Planning Officer
Regeneration Officer (Business)	Senior Housing Strategy Officer

EC.001

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Jessica Tomblin.

EC.002

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

EC.003

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 April 2017 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

EC.004

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

EC.005 **MEMBER REPORT – PLANNING REVIEW PANEL**

Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy gave an update on the work of the Planning Review Panel.

RESOLVED **To note the report.**

EC.006 **WORK PROGRAMME**

14 September 2017 - Environment Strategy to be added to the work programme.

RESOLVED **To note the work programme.**

EC.007 **REPORT OF THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP: OUTSIDE BODIES**

The chair explained that a Task and Finish Group had considered the representation on outside bodies, and after consultation with Members had recommended changes which were outlined in the report.

RESOLVED **To approve the recommendation made by the Outside Bodies Task and Finish Group.**

EC.008 **APPOINTMENTS**

- a) Performance Monitoring Representatives – Councillors Alison Hayward, Haydn Sutton
- b) Appointments to Outside Bodies

Organisation	Representatives 2017/18
Berkeley Nuclear Stakeholders	Councillor Brian Tipper
Cotswold AONB	Councillor Nick Hurst
Lower Severn Drainage Board	Councillor John Jones
Minchinhampton & Rodborough Commons Advisory Committee	Councillor Nick Hurst
Stroud Concordat	Councillor Simon Pickering
Stroud Valleys Project Board	Councillor Nigel Cooper
Rural SUDS Steering Group	Councillor Simon Pickering

EC.009 **CAPITAL PROJECT MONITORING**

The Strategic Head of Development Services and officers gave updates on the following projects:

- (a) Stroud Valleys Initiative
- (b) Stroud District Cycling and Walking Plan
- (c) Wallbridge Gateway Site
- (d) Canal Regeneration
- (e) Multi-Service Contract – Vehicle Replacement
- (f) Market Town Centres Initiative Fund
- (g) Ebley Mill Hydro

- RESOLVED**
- a. To discontinue the investigation work in to the Stroud Valleys Initiative and make the modelling work done by JBA consulting available to the Environment Agency in order to assist in the updating of the 2006 SFRA model.
 - b. To agree the scope of the Stroud District Cycling and walking plan as set out in Appendix A.
 - c. To suspend further investigatory work on the Ebley Mill Hydro project, pending a change in circumstances that improves both the return on the investment and gaining control over the land asset.
 - d. To note the other project updates within the report.

EC.010 ENVIRONMENT BUDGETS 2017/18

The Accountancy Manager presented details of the General Fund Revenue Budgets that are considered to be controllable by the budget holder.

RESOLVED **To note the report.**

EC.011 RECYCLING BANK SERVICE

The Public Space Manager presented the report and explained the reasons for recommending the withdrawal of the service, possibly by mid August 2017.

Members requested that this be advertised widely as the bank in Cainscross is used constantly throughout the day.

RECOMMENDED TO STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE **The immediate withdrawal of the Council's recycling bank service.**

EC.012 HARDWICKE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PROGRESS TO REFERENDUM

The Neighbourhood Planning Officer presented the report, which is proposed to proceed to referendum which would take place on 10 August 2017.

- RESOLVED**
- a. To accept all recommended modifications of the Examiner's Report (Appendix A);
 - b. That the Hardwicke Neighbourhood Development Plan, as modified, meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the Convention rights, complies with the definition of a neighbourhood development plan (NDP) and the provisions that can be made by a NDP;
 - c. To take all appropriate actions to progress the Hardwicke Neighbourhood Development Plan to referendum on 10 August 2017.

EC.013**SELF BUILD AND CUSTOM HOUSE BUILDING REGISTER**

The Senior Housing Strategy Officer presented her report. She explained there is a register in place, from 1 April 2017 and currently has 130 households. Legislation puts a duty on the Council to provide service plots, although guidance is still awaited on how this will work with planning permission.

RESOLVED

- a. **To introduce local connection and financial capability criteria for entry on to the Council's Self Build & Custom Register as indicated in paragraph 3.2.**
- b. **To introduce a fee for new entries on to the Council's Self Build and Custom Housebuilding Register.**
- c. **To delegate authority to the Head of Development Services to set the introductory fee and an annual renewal fee for remaining on Part 1 of the Register thereafter.**

EC.014**MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm.

Chair