

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

8 February 2018

7.05 pm – 8.40 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

Councillor Simon Pickering (Chair)	P	Councillor Skeena Rathor	P
Councillor Paul Denney (Vice-Chair)	A	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 Alison Hayward	P	Councillor Tim Williams	P

P = Present **A = Absent**

Other Member Present

Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy

Officers in Attendance

Director of Development Services
Senior Planning Strategy Officer

Democratic Services Officer
Elections Officer

EC.037

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Paul Denney and Chas Fellows.

EC.038

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

EC.039

MINUTES

RESOLVED

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

EC.040

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

EC.041**WORK PROGRAMME AND AGENDA PLANNING**

Members listed items that they would like added to the work programme for future discussion:-

- The Council's involvement in single use plastics (3 groups had contacted the Chair who would like to see Stroud District plastic free).
- Review of the Environmental Strategy – this was being reviewed and a report would be presented to Committee. This would then be reviewed annually.
- EMAS Accreditation – because of Brexit the Council will not be able to try to gain this accreditation and will be looking into the pros and cons of moving towards the ISO14001 standard, which is recognised in the UK. A report would be presented to Committee.
- Recycling – more needs to be done to raise public awareness on what can/cannot be recycled, suggestions included summary sheets and visits to schools.
- The implications of Javelin Park – this would be included in a report from the Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group in April or June's meeting.
- A report for the preferred strategy for the Local Plan which would have a recommendation to Council.

RESOLVED

To note the above.

EC.042**MEMBER REPORTS**

- a) Stroud Concordat - Councillor Pickering outlined the report (a copy had been circulated last week).
- b) Planning Review Panel – a verbal update was given by Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy (copies were available at the meeting).
- c) Update from the Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group – the contract was running well with the level of recycling higher than expected. Street cleaning was reasonable but there were still complaints because of missed bin collections. Changes would have to be implemented and clear options would be presented to a future meeting.
- d) Performance Monitoring – the report that had been agreed at Strategy and Resources Committee on 18 January 2018 from the Task and Finish Group and had been circulated prior to the meeting. Members welcomed the report and recognised the importance of scrutinising decisions. The Chair, Vice-Chair and Performance Monitors would work together and make a verbal report to committee.
- e) Environmental Strategy – an update would be provided by Councillor Denney at the next meeting.

EC.043**STROUD DISTRICT HERITAGE STRATEGY;
SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING ADVICE**

The Senior Planning Strategy Officer outlined the above report and answered members' questions.

The Chair proposed an amendment to the decision box by adding a new paragraph “(c) To delegate authority to the Director of Development Services to make minor textual changes to Appendix A to improve clarity and understanding”. This would enable minor changes to be undertaken and was seconded by Councillor Tim Williams.

Members were very supportive of the Stroud District Heritage Strategy and unanimously

RESOLVED

- (a) To adopt the Stroud District Heritage Strategy as Supplementary Planning Advice.**
- (b) To agree the use of the Objectives and Strategy Priorities therein as a basis for the drafting of a Heritage Action Plan.**
- (c) To delegate authority to the Director of Development Services to make minor textual and presentation changes to Appendix A to improve clarity and understanding.**

EC.044

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were none.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm.

Chair