

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

7 June 2018

7.08 pm – 9.25 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

Councillor Simon Pickering (Chair)	P	Councillor Steve Lydon	A
Councillor George Butcher (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Tom Skinner	A
Councillor Chris Brine	A	Councillor Haydn Sutton	A
Councillor Paul Denney	P	Councillor Brian Tipper	P
Councillor Jim Dewey	A	Councillor Jessica Tomblin	P
Councillor Alison Hayward	P	Councillor Tim Williams	P

P = Present

A = Absent

Other Member(s) Present

Councillors Cooper, Hurst and Tom Williams.

Officers in Attendance

Director of Development Services	Head of Community Services
Director of Customer Service	Principal Projects Officer
Principal Community and Facilities Officer	Democratic Services Officer
Head of Health and Wellbeing	

Others Present

Gareth Edmundson, Managing Director and Mike Penney, Senior Operations Manager from Ubico Ltd.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dewey, Lydon and Skinner. (Councillors Tipper and Tomblin were unavoidably late).

The Chair announced that because there was not a quorum no decisions could be made. The members who were unavoidably delayed would be asked if they had an interest to declare as they arrived. Items on the agenda would be presented in a different order than the published agenda.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

EC.003 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

R Lawson submitted a question and asked a supplementary question which were answered by the Chair. (Refer to the Council's [webcast](#) and [Item 4](#)).

EC.004 **MEMBER REPORTS**

- a) Planning Review Panel – nothing to report.
- b) Stroud Concordat - Councillor Pickering confirmed the last meeting had been postponed and would update members at the next meeting.
- c) Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group – the next meeting is taking place on 5 July 2018 (refer Agenda Item 9).
- d) Environmental Strategy – Councillor Denney referred to Agenda Item 11.
- e) Performance Monitoring– Councillor Pickering gave a PowerPoint presentation showing Excelsis, the Council's performance monitoring system and also a link to the Local Government Association's web pages that compared Stroud with its nearest neighbours for collection waste. A training session would be arranged with the Chair, Performance Monitors and the Principal Projects Officer. The Chair also circulated a list of areas of work within the responsibility of Committee.

The meeting had a quorum at 7.24 pm.

EC.005 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED **That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 April 2018 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

EC.006 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Items from the Planning Strategy Manager, date to be confirmed.
Action plan on the Environment Strategy.

RESOLVED **To note the above.**

EC.007 **APPOINTMENTS**

- a) Performance Monitoring Representatives – Councillors Hayward and Tomblin
- b) The following annual appointments to outside bodies were made:-

Organisation	Representatives 2018/19
Berkeley Nuclear Stakeholders	Councillor Tipper
Cotswold AONB	Councillor Hurst
Lower Severn Drainage Board	Councillor Jones
Minchinhampton and Rodborough Commons Advisory Committee	Councillor Hurst
Stroud Concordat	Councillor Pickering
Stroud Valleys Project Board	Councillor Cooper
Rural SUDS Steering Group	Councillor Pickering

EC.008**CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING**

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

- a) Stroud District Cycling and Walking Plan – for clarification (ref paragraph 4.) the north routes would be Stroud to Stonehouse to Saul, the south routes would be from Coaley to Dursley to Cam Station. A bid would be submitted for a cycle track from Nailsworth to Ebley.
- b) Wallbridge Gateway Site – As per the report.
- c) Canal Regeneration (C2C) – a submission would be made by late 2019. The long stop date is 24 April 2020.
- d) Multi-Service Contract – Vehicle Replacement (ref Agenda Item 9).
- e) Market Town Centres Initiative Fund – 2 submissions had been received so far, the closing date was 8 June 2018.

RESOLVED**To note the above.****EC.009****MULTI SERVICE CONTRACT - UPDATE**

Members received a presentation from Gareth Edmundson and Mike Penney from Ubico, which was published onto the Council's website after the meeting. Ubico work closely with a team of Council officers, having daily contact with some and regular meetings with others.

The Head of Community Services confirmed that savings would be made, as contained within the above report. A further report would be presented to Committee on 13 September 2018.

RESOLVED**To note the progress updates within the report.****EC.010****SINGLE USE PLASTICS AND RECYCLING**

Following a recent motion to Council, the Chair confirmed that a Task and Finish Group had been set up and would be meeting next week to encourage greater awareness and achievable goals.

RESOLVES**To note the position as set out in the report.****EC.011****THE ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY**

The Principal Projects Officer outlined the above report. Following the review it was agreed to focus on 4 instead of the 5 original priorities and update text because of new terminologies.

The Chair proposed an amendment to the wording in paragraph 2 of the report, change "Climate Change" to "The Changing Climate", this would be using the same wording as the Environment Agency. The amendment was agreed.

RESOLVED**To agree the priorities for the revised Environment Strategy prior to consultation and the revised wording from "Climate Change" to "The Changing Climate" in paragraph 2.**

EC.012**DELEGATION OF POWER TO SERVE FIXED PENALTY NOTICES (FPNs)**

The Head of Health and Wellbeing outlined the above report and recommendation to Council. He confirmed that all Town and Parish Councils would be informed of this change.

**RECOMMENDED
TO COUNCIL**

The Head of Health and Wellbeing be authorised to appoint any employee of a Town or Parish Council in the district of Stroud as an “authorised person” to serve fixed penalty notices on behalf of Stroud District Council, for dog fouling offences (as provided for in Public Space Protection Orders made pursuant to Section 68 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014) subject to:

- 1) The authority to appoint being limited to specific periods;
- 2) The authorisation being withdrawn with effect from such time as the Head of Health and Wellbeing determines; and,
- 3) The authorisation being subject to such other terms and conditions as he considers appropriate (including but not limited to the conditions outlined in the report at paragraph 3.5).

EC.0013**MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm.

Chair