

Environmental Services Committee – 6 April 2005

Minutes of the meeting of the **Environmental Services Committee** held on **6 April 2005** when there were present:-

Cllr J E Grey (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs T J Capon (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr R A Amner
Cllr R G S Choppen
Cllr T G Cutmore
Cllr Mrs L Hungate
Cllr C J Lumley

Cllr J M Pullen
Cllr P R Robinson
Cllr C G Seagers
Cllr Mrs M J Webster
Cllr P F A Webster

VISITING MEMBER

Cllr M G B Starke

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs M S Vince.

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Scrutton - Head of Planning Services
J Bourne - Leisure and Contracts Manager
S Worthington - Committee Administrator

COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT

P Grimwood - District Manager, County Highways
L Harvey - District Engineer, County Highways

136 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

137 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr C G Seagers declared a personal interest in item 11 of the agenda by virtue of being a Member of the Crouch Harbour Authority.

Cllr Mrs M J Webster declared a personal interest in item 10 of the agenda by virtue of being a Member of Essex County Council.

Cllr M G B Starke declared a personal interest in item 14 of the agenda by virtue of being a Substitute Member of the Waste Management Advisory

Board and of the Thames Gateway Waste Management Joint Committee.

138 PROGRESS ON DECISIONS

The Committee received the Schedule relating to Progress on Decisions and in response to Member questions the following was noted:-

Assessment of Odour Emissions from the Stambridge Sewage Treatment Works (Minute 578/03)

An update on evaluation of the consultant's draft report would be included in the Members' Bulletin.

139 THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL MAINTENANCE INITIATIVE IN ROCHFORD DISTRICT

The Committee considered the report of the Area Manager, County Highways providing Members with details of the programme for delivering a scheme of highway maintenance repairs within the District over the next 3 years.

Responding to a Member enquiry relating to the timetable for commencement of road maintenance work, County officers confirmed that pre-patching work would begin within days.

In response to a further query relating to the possibility of works to the A129 east of the Carpenters Arms Road roundabout, County officers advised that the main priority was the A13.

Responding to a Member enquiry relating to Plumberow Avenue, Hockley, County officers confirmed that this was structurally sound, but that an inspection would be conducted shortly; any subsequent remedial work that might be required would be completed according to the availability of finance.

County officers further confirmed that the Maintenance Initiative would not affect footpath budgets, which were entirely separate, but that attempts would be made to repair footpaths bordering highways that were being repaired.

Resolved

That the implementation of the Highways Maintenance Initiative and the County Council recommendations for the treatment of local roads, as set out in the report, be fully supported. (County Highways)

140 NORTH STREET, ROCHFORD PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

The Committee considered the report of the Area Manager, County Highways asking Members to consider the objections received to the above proposals to introduce a no waiting at any time restriction on the above roads.

County officers advised the Committee that the costs of these proposals would be met by the developer of the supermarket site, and not by the Locally Determined Budget.

Resolved

That the proposals be introduced, as detailed in appendix A and on the drawing numbered TRA/11/2416, notwithstanding the objections that have been received. (County Highways)

141 CROUCH AND ROACH ESTUARY MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning Services seeking the Council's support for the Crouch and Roach Estuary Management Plan.

During debate it was noted that the Crouch Harbour Authority should be more heavily involved in any future Management Plan or developments for the Estuary. In response to Members' concern about the financial position of the Crouch Harbour Authority, officers confirmed that they would investigate the situation and apprise Members of their findings.

During discussion of the action plan, of which Members were broadly supportive, Members concurred that it was important that this Authority received regular updates on the Plan and that progress was closely monitored. In addition, it was felt that opportunities for obtaining funding from Thames Gateway South Essex should be explored at a later date. It was also noted that the District's coastline was a valuable resource and that Stambridge Parish Council should be involved in exploring possibilities for a marine development at Stambridge Mill.

Resolved

- (1) That the Crouch and Roach Estuary Management Plan (full version and action plan) be adopted, subject to the following Member comments:
 - There is an expectation that the Crouch Harbour Authority would become a key element of any Management Plan or future developments for the Estuary.
 - This Authority should be kept regularly updated and involved in monitoring the development of the Management Plan.
 - Stambridge Mill would offer good opportunities for a marine development and Stambridge Parish Council should be involved in exploring this.
 - The possibility of applying, at a future date, for funding to Thames Gateway South Essex for projects within the Plan that might be developed should be explored.

- (2) That authority be delegated to the Head of Planning Services to approve minor amendments to the documents detailed in (1) above, as may be required, to maintain the accuracy of the published Management Plan. (HPS)

142 ADDITIONAL BRING BANK SITES

The Committee considered the report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) seeking Members' approval for the provision of additional sites for the location of recycling bring banks, as detailed within the report.

Resolved

That the report be referred to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee for more detailed consideration. (CD(F&ES))

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved

That the public and press be excluded from the Meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

143 THAMES GATEWAY WASTE MANAGEMENT JOINT COMMITTEE – CONSTITUTION AND FIRST YEAR BUSINESS PLAN

The Committee considered the exempt report of the Corporate Director (Finance & External Services) seeking Members' approval of the Constitution and first year Business Plan for the Thames Gateway Waste Management Joint Committee, included as appendices A and B to the report.

Resolved

- (1) That the Constitution (Appendix A) for the Thames Gateway Management Joint Committee be approved.
- (2) That the first year Business Plan (Appendix B) for the Thames Gateway Waste Management Joint Committee be approved. (CD(F&ES))

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chairman

Date