

minutes

Meeting ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Date Thursday 14 February 2013 (commencing at 10.30am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Richard Butler (Chair)
John Hemsall (Vice-Chair)

Steve Carr
Barrie Cooper
Jim Creamer
Vince Dobson
Kevin Greaves

Bruce Laughton
Geoff Merry
John Peck JP
Keith Walker

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Mel Shepherd MBE

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mick Allen – Group Manager, Waste and Energy Management
Lisa Bell – Team Manager, Planning Policy
Keith Ford – Senior Democratic Services Officer
Sally Gill – Group Manager, Planning
Tim Gregory – Corporate Director, Environment & Resources
Sue Jaques – Local Improvement Scheme Manager
Steve Osborne-James – Senior Planning Officer
Kevin Sharman – Team Manager, Transport Plans and Programmes
Anna Vincent – Independent Group Researcher
Andy Warrington – Service Director for Highways
Michelle Welsh – Labour Group Researcher

MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 17 January 2013, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councillor John Peck declared a private interest in agenda item 4 – Local Improvement Scheme (LIS) Programme 2012/13 and 2013/14 as his wife was involved in one of the proposed schemes (Edwinstowe Skate Park). This did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

Councillor John Peck declared a private interest in agenda item 6 – Strategic Planning Observations on a Full Planning Application for a Solar Farm, Bilsthorpe Business Park as he was a Member of Newark and Sherwood District Council's Planning Committee. He left the meeting whilst this item was considered.

Councillor Geoff Merry declared a private interest in agenda item 6 – Strategic Planning Observations on a Full Planning Application for a Solar Farm, Bilsthorpe Business Park as he was a Member of Newark and Sherwood District Council's Planning Committee. He left the meeting whilst this item was considered.

Councillor Bruce Laughton declared a private interest in agenda item 6 – Strategic Planning Observations on a Full Planning Application for a Solar Farm, Bilsthorpe Business Park as he had landholdings which overlooked the proposed site. This did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME (LIS) PROGRAMME 2012/13 AND 2013/14

During discussions it was highlighted that details of the costs of the various proposed schemes were available from the Local Improvement Scheme team upon request.

RESOLVED 2013/006

That the 2013/14 programme, as set out in paragraph 19 and the appendix to the committee report, be approved.

STRATEGIC PLANNING OBSERVATIONS ON AN OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT, KIMBERLEY / EASTWOOD BYPASS, NUTHALL

RESOLVED 2013/007

That Broxtowe Borough Council be advised that Nottinghamshire County Council objected to the proposals as:-

- the development constituted inappropriate development within the Green Belt and as such was contrary to National Policy;

- insufficient information had been submitted with the planning application to allow valid and robust conclusions to be drawn on the application's potential impact upon the landscape, visual impact and ecology of the County.

STRATEGIC PLANNING OBSERVATIONS ON A FULL PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A SOLAR FARM, BILSTHORPE BUSINESS PARK

Councillors Merry and Peck left the meeting prior to this item being considered.

During discussions, Members requested that the following issues be included within the County Council's response:-

- concerns about the potential visual impact of the development;
- that some form of benefit to the local community should be incorporated within the scheme.

RESOLVED 2013/008

That Newark and Sherwood District Council be advised that:-

- the principle of such development in terms of strategic and national renewable energy policy was supported by Nottinghamshire County Council (subject to the issues raised in the report being satisfactorily addressed);
- significant further work needed to be undertaken satisfactorily in order for the applicants to provide further information to address the specific concerns about the potential impact of the proposal on the ecology, historic environment and landscape of the County, the potential visual impact on the local community and the lack of any form of benefit to that local community.

STRATEGIC PLANNING OBSERVATIONS

Councillors Merry and Peck returned to the meeting.

RESOLVED 2013/009

That the report be noted.

PERFORMANCE REPORT – WASTE MANAGEMENT

RESOLVED 2013/010

That the contents of the report be noted.

PERFORMANCE REPORT – ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT

RESOLVED 2013/011

That the contents of the report be noted.

CONSULTATIONS FOR NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LOCAL AGGREGATES ASSESSMENT AND THE WASTE AND MINERALS LOCAL PLAN

RESOLVED 2013/012

That the response to Northamptonshire's draft Minerals Waste Local Plan and draft Local Aggregates Assessment as outlined in paragraphs 15-17 of the committee report, be approved.

REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF PLANNING PRACTICE GUIDANCE

RESOLVED 2013/013

That the response to the Department of Communities and Local Government's questions on the Government's review of planning practice guidance, as set out in Appendix A to the committee report, be approved.

UPDATE ON THE SUBMISSION OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM WASTE CORE STRATEGY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

RESOLVED 2013/014

That the current position with regards to the formal submission of the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Core Strategy be noted.

INVESTMENT IN PHOTOVOLTAIC PANELS FOR CORPORATE BUILDINGS

RESOLVED 2013/015

That it be recommended that Full Council approves the £250k annual investment in Photovoltaic panels identified in the County Council budget for the period 2013-14 to 2016-17.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2014/016

That the Committee's work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.53 am.

CHAIRMAN

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