Nottinghamshire County Council

minutes

Meeting	ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
Date	Thursday 10 October 2013 (commencing at 10.30am)

Membership
Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Jim Creamer (Chairman)
John Wilkinson (Vice-Chairman)

Alan Bell
Richard Butler
Steve Calvert
Stan Heptinstall MBE
Roger Jackson
Bruce Laughton
Pamela Skelding

Ex-officio (non-voting)
A Alan Rhodes

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Lisa Bell	Team Manager	–	Planning Policy
Sally Gill	Group Manager	–	Planning
Tim Gregory	Corporate Director	–	Environment and Resources
Jas Hundal	Service Director	–	Transport, Property and Environment
Phil Keynes	Team Manager	–	Energy and Carbon Management
Helen Lester	Team Manager	–	Waste Strategy and Development
Paul Morris	Team Manager Management	–	Waste Contract and Environmental
Suzanne Osborne - James		–	Planning Policy
Ruth Rimmington		–	Democratic Services Officer

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2013, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman. Councillor Heptinstall reported that he had sent his apologies for the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

It was reported that Councillor Alan Bell had been appointed to the Committee in place of Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis for this meeting only.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor John Wilkinson declared a private interest in item 5 (a) – Strategic Planning Observation for a 141 dwelling proposal, Broomhill Farm, Hucknall as local member for the area.

PRESENTATION ON HYDROCARBONS

Lisa Bell Team Manager, Planning Policy gave a presentation on hydrocarbons (oil, mine gas, coal bed methane, underground coal gasification and shale gas). Members heard about national and local information within a planning policy context and the types of planning issues faced with each process.
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STRATEGIC PLANNING OBSERVATIONS

a) Strategic Planning Observations for a 141 dwelling proposal, Broomhill Farm, Hucknall

RESOLVED 2013/050

1) That Ashfield District Council is advised that the principle of housing development in terms of strategic, national housing and economic growth is supported.

2) That Ashfield District Council is minded to approve the Broomhill planning application in advance of any strategy or policy developer contributions to transport infrastructure being secured.

3) That should Ashfield District Council approve the application, the County Council request that they consult with the Developer Contributions Team to assess the need for developer contributions in line with the Council's adopted Planning Contributions Strategy.

4) That the County Council has no significant concerns over the impact of the proposal of this scale and location on the landscape/ecology but raises concerns relating to the choice of species proposed.

5) That bat and reptile surveys are carried out and that as a result of such surveys, additional mitigation measures may be necessary.

b) Summary of Strategic Planning Observations

RESOLVED 2013/051

That the report be noted.

MINERALS LOCAL PLAN – PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PREFERRED APPROACH

RESOLVED 2013/052

1) That the Committee approves the publication of the Minerals Local Plan Preferred Approach for a period of 6 week public consultation.

2) That the Chairman in consultation with the Group Manager makes any final minor changes prior to consultation.

CONSULTATION ON A NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ENGLAND AND UPDATED NATIONAL WASTE PLANNING POLICY: PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

RESOLVED 2013/053

That Committee notes the report and endorses the officer comments attached at appendix A to the report, in response to the Government's consultation on updated national waste planning policy.

PERFORMANCE REPORT – ENERGY AND CARBON MANAGEMENT 2012-13 OUT-TURN

RESOLVED 2013/054

That the report be noted.

PERFORMANCE REPORT – WASTE MANAGEMENT 2012/13 OUT-TURN

RESOLVED 2013/055

That the report be noted.

PLANNING OBLIGATIONS STRATEGY REVIEW – TARGETTED CONSULTATION

RESOLVED 2013/56

1) That the Committee approves the draft Planning Obligations Strategy for a period of 4 weeks targeted consultation.

2) That the Chairman in consultation with the Group Manager makes any final minor changes required, e.g. typographical prior to consultation.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2013/057

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.50pm.

CHAIRMAN M_10 October 2013