

minutes

Meeting ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Date Thursday 31 May 2012 (commencing at 10.30am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

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

Steve Carr
LB Cooper
Jim Creamer
Vincent Dobson
Kevin Greaves

Bruce Laughton
Parry Tsimbiridis A
Gail Turner
Keith Walker

Ex- Officio Member – Mrs Kay Cutts A

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Geoff Merry
Councillor Mel Shepherd

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Keith Ford – Senior Democratic Services Officer
Sally Gill – Group Manager – Planning
Tim Gregory – Corporate Director, Environment and Resources
Jas Hundal – Service Director, Transport, Property and Environment
Michelle Welsh – Labour Group Researcher

CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED 2012/001

That the appointment by the County Council of Councillor Richard Butler and as Chairman and Councillor John Hemsall as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the 2012/13 municipal year be noted.

MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED 2012/002

That the membership of the Committee, as detailed above, be noted.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis (other reasons).

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Councillor Butler declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 – Rushcliffe Development Framework Core Strategy Publication Version as a member of Rushcliffe Borough Council, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

Councillor Butler declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 – Dissolution of Newark and Sherwood Energy Agency as County Council appointed representative on that body, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

Councillor Cooper declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 – Rushcliffe Development Framework Core Strategy Publication Version as a member of Rushcliffe Borough Council, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

Councillor Cooper declared a personal interest in agenda item 7 – Strategic Planning Observations – planning application for a foodstore at land North of Wilford Lane, West Bridgford as a Member of Rushcliffe Borough Council and a resident of Compton Acres.

Councillor Laughton declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 – Dissolution of Newark and Sherwood Energy Agency as County Council appointed representative on that body, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

Councillor Dobson declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 – Dissolution of Newark and Sherwood Energy Agency as County Council appointed representative on that body, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

Councillor Carr declared a personal interest in agenda item 6 – Rushcliffe Development Framework Core Strategy Publication Version as a member of Broxtowe Borough Council, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED 2012/003

That the report be noted.

RUSHCLIFFE DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CORE STRATEGY PUBLICATION VERSION

RESOLVED 2012/004

That the comments contained within the Committee report form the basis of the Nottinghamshire County Council response to Rushcliffe Borough Council on the Rushcliffe Development Framework Core Strategy Publication Version.

STRATEGIC PLANNING OBSERVATIONS – PLANNING APPLICATION FOR A FOODSTORE AT LAND NORTH OF WILFORD LANE, WEST BRIDGFORD

During discussions, Members raised concerns about the potential impact of the proposal on the local highways, with particular reference to the overall increase in traffic volume and the safety of pupils going to and from the nearby Beckett School. With regard to the proposed objection on the grounds of ecology issues, Members also raised specific concerns about drainage issues on the site.

In light of the discussions, Councillor Butler moved a motion in terms of resolution 2012/005 below, which was seconded by Councillor Hempsall.

RESOLVED 2012/005

- 1) That Rushcliffe Borough Council be advised that the principle of such development in terms of strategic and national retailing policy be supported.
- 2) That Nottinghamshire County Council raise objections to the proposal over its potential impact on the highways, ecology (including drainage issues), archaeology and landscape of the County.

STRATEGIC PLANNING OBSERVATIONS

RESOLVED 2012/006

That the report be noted.

DISSOLUTION OF NEWARK AND SHERWOOD ENERGY AGENCY

RESOLVED 2012/007

That approval be granted for the Newark and Sherwood Energy Agency Board to remain in being from 1 April 2012 purely to complete the accounts for 2011/12 and for the Board to be formally dissolved with effect from 30 September 2012.

WORK PROGRAMME

Following discussions, Members agreed to defer the decisions about which operational activities and officer working groups they wished to receive reports on to future meetings, until the Committee had received presentations about the service areas that came within its remit.

RESOLVED 2012/008

- 1) That the Committee's work programme be noted.
- 2) That it be noted that the Water and Gas Emissions from Mines scrutiny review report, once finalised, would be included in the work programme.

The meeting closed at 11.59 am.

CHAIRMAN

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