

GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on Thursday, 17 February 2011 commencing at 10.00 am and finishing at 1.15 pm

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor David Nimmo-Smith – in the Chair
Councillor Nicholas P. Turner (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor Anne Purse
Councillor Roger Belson
Councillor Pete Handley
Councillor Charles Mathew
Councillor John Tanner
Councillor David Turner
Councillor Patrick Greene (In place of Councillor Keith Strangwood)
Councillor Lawrie Stratford (In place of Councillor Michael Gibbard)

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor Ian Hudspeth

By Invitation:

Officers:

Whole of meeting Liz Johnston, (Committee Officer)
Huw Jones (Director of Environment & Economy)

Part of meeting

Agenda Item	Officer Attending
Item 10	John Disley (LTP Project Director)
Item 10	Steve Howell (Deputy Director of Environment & Economy - Highways & Transport)
Items 6, 7 & 8	Susan Kent (Environment and Climate Change Manager)
Items 6, 7 & 8	Martin Tugwell (Deputy Director of Environment & Economy - Growth & Infrastructure)

The Scrutiny Committee considered the matters, reports and recommendations contained or referred to in the agenda for the meeting [, together with a schedule of addenda tabled at the meeting/the following additional documents:] and agreed as set out below. Copies of the agenda and reports [agenda, reports and schedule/additional documents] are attached to the signed Minutes.

42/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

(Agenda No. 1)

Cllr Patrick Greene substituted for Cllr Keith Strangwood and Cllr Lawrie Stratford substituted for Cllr Michael Gibbard.

43/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - SEE GUIDANCE NOTE ON THE BACK PAGE

(Agenda No. 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

44/11 MINUTES

(Agenda No. 3)

The minutes of 20 December 2010 meeting were agreed and signed. The minutes of 6 October 2010 meeting were agreed and signed.

45/11 SPEAKING TO OR PETITIONING THE COMMITTEE

(Agenda No. 4)

No requests were received to speak to or petition the Committee

46/11 SCHOOLS CARBON REDUCTION STRATEGY

(Agenda No. 6)

Sue Kent, Environment and Climate Change Manager, updated the Committee on the School's Carbon Reduction Strategy. This includes working with schools to improve energy efficiency through culture change, installing energy monitoring equipment in school buildings and providing support for installing Photo Voltaic panels. Councillors emphasis that communicating with schools would be key to ensuring this works.

The Committee AGREED to note the good work Officers and Cabinet Members are doing to reduce school carbon emissions.

47/11 RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS

(Agenda No. 7)

Sue Kent, Environment and Climate Change Manager, updated the committee on ongoing work to install Photo Voltaic (PV) panels on Oxfordshire County Council sites to benefit from Feed In Tariffs from Government. The current approach will be reviewed in April 2012.

The Committee AGREED to note the report and thanked Officers for their ongoing work.

48/11 UPDATE ON CARBON MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

(Agenda No. 8)

The Committee received an update on the Carbon management programme. Officers emphasised the focus on increased financial savings from carbon management efficiency. The Committee discussed the advantages and disadvantages of part-night lighting and suggested the issue comes back to the Committee for further scrutiny at an appropriate time. Noted the data collection issues and would like to have an update on this on the future scrutiny work plan.

The Committee AGREED to note the report and requested that a draft policy on part-night street lighting comes back to the Committee at an appropriate time.

49/11 CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE PUBLIC FOREST ESTATE
(Agenda No. 9)

This item was withdrawn from the agenda due to changes to Government proposals.

50/11 LTP3
(Agenda No. 10)

The Committee noted the report and heard that the Working Group working with Officers on this strategy had added a lot of value. The Committee heard that the short term funding available for transport projects is extremely limited and many of the projects that are still on the table have section 106 funding behind them too.

The Committee AGREED to note the report and AGREED that the working group should continue to meet throughout the next year.

51/11 DIRECTOR'S UPDATE
(Agenda No. 5)

Huw Jones, Director for Environment and Economy, updated the Committee on the financial position of the Directorate after the budget was set on 15 February 2011. This highlighted the key areas where savings will be made over the medium-term and the key risk areas.

52/11 FORWARD PLAN
(Agenda No. 11)

53/11 CLOSE OF MEETING
(Agenda No. 12)

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Date of signing