

GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held on Wednesday, 25 May 2011 commencing at 9.30 am and finishing at 12.30 pm

Present:

Voting Members: Councillor David Nimmo-Smith – in the Chair
Councillor Nicholas P. Turner (Deputy Chairman)
Councillor Anne Purse
Councillor Pete Handley
Councillor Charles Mathew
Councillor John Tanner
Councillor David Turner
Councillor A.M. Lovatt (In place of Councillor Keith Strangwood)
Councillor Stewart Lilly (In place of Councillor Michael Gibbard)

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor Lorraine Lindsay-Gale
Councillor Rodney Rose

By Invitation:

Officers:

Whole of meeting Martin Tugwell
Steve Howell

Part of meeting Huw Jones
Chris Brown
Susie Ohlenschlager
Victoria Fletcher
Tracy Dow

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.

5/11 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2011/12 COUNCIL YEAR
(Agenda No. 1)

Cllr David Nimmo-Smith was nominated for the position of Chairman of the Growth & Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee for 2011/12 by Cllr Nicholas Turner and seconded by Cllr John Tanner. The Committee **RESOLVED** that Cllr Nimmo-Smith be elected Chairman.

6/11 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN FOR THE 2011/12 COUNCIL YEAR
(Agenda No. 2)

Cllr Nicholas Turner was nominated for the position of Deputy Chairman of the G&I Scrutiny Committee for 2011/12 by Cllr David Nimmo-Smith and seconded by Cllr Roger Belson. The Committee **RESOLVED** by a show of hands (six votes to three) that Cllr N. Turner be elected Deputy Chairman.

7/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS
(Agenda No. 3)

Cllr Stewart Lilly was present as a substitute for Cllr Michael Gibbard.

Cllr Sandy Lovatt was present as a substitute for Cllr Keith Strangwood.

8/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - SEE GUIDANCE NOTE ON THE BACK PAGE
(Agenda No. 4)

There were no Declarations of Interest.

9/11 MINUTES
(Agenda No. 5)

The minutes of the meeting on 09 March 2011 were signed and approved, subject to the spelling corrections noted by Cllr Charles Mathew and Cllr Nicholas Turner.

10/11 SPEAKING TO OR PETITIONING THE COMMITTEE
(Agenda No. 6)

There were no requests to speak to or petition the Committee.

11/11 PRELIMINARY FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT
(Agenda No. 7)

The committee received a presentation by Hannah O'Callaghan, from JBA Consulting.

The presentation is attached.

If Members have specific issues to raise, Steve Howell (Deputy Director for Highways & Transport) invited them to contact Officers directly so they can be incorporated where possible.

The Committee will receive an update on a more detailed implementation plan in due course.

12/11 RESILIENCE TO SEVERE WEATHER
(Agenda No. 10)

The Committee received an update from Susie Ohlenschlager (Adaptation and Partnership Manager) on the Council's approach to dealing with severe weather events across the County. The presentation is attached.

Cllr Anne Purse noted the need for close working with District and Parish/Town Councils to ensure the response to incidents is as co-ordinated as possible.

Cllr Rodney Rose assured the Committee that all Town and Parish Councils have been sent a pamphlet advising them on how to deal with severe weather events, particularly heavy snow and ice in winter.

13/11 COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE BRIEFING
(Agenda No. 9)

The Committee received a briefing from Victoria Fletcher from the Countryside Service (presentation attached) on the Service's work and potential implications of the next round of Service and Resource Planning work.

The Committee RESOLVED that the Countryside Service should next be discussed in the Autumn as a part of the budget setting process.

14/11 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT
(Agenda No. 8)

Tracy Dow (Highways & Transport Service Manager – Policy and Strategy) gave a presentation to the Committee about the need to consider how the Council supports community transport initiatives and how this might fit in with changing priorities in other Directorates. The Committee RESOLVED to create a small working group to consider this issue over the next year. Cllr Stewart Lilly (Bus Champion), Cllr David Nimmo-Smith, Cllr David Turner and Cllr Anne Purse agreed to be on the working group.

15/11 G&I FORWARD PLAN FOR 2011/12
(Agenda No. 11)

The meeting closed before this item was discussed. The Committee RESOLVED to discuss at the next meeting.

16/11 12.00 CLOSE OF MEETING
(Agenda No. 12)

The meeting closed at 12:30pm.

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Date of signing