



Minutes of the meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2000 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillor Bristow (Chair)
Councillor Morsley (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Burke, Coventry, Day, Hopkins, Kilkeny, Mabbutt, O'Sullivan, Pugh and Tapp

Officers: J Best (Strategic Director Environment), G Beck (Head of Regulatory Services), A Hudson (Head of Infrastructure), S Readyhough (Business Support Manager), I Haynes (Development Plans Manager), P Winsor (Chief Environmental Health Officer), R Comitti (Regulatory Services Manager) and J Shaw (Senior Committee Manager)

EN96/00 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3 February 2000 and the special meeting held on 9 March 2000, be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

EN97/00 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Coventry declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 9 (Waste Management Contract – Budget Implications) as a Member of the DSO Sub-Committee.

Councillor Morsley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 12 (Dog Fouling – Designation/Implementation Programme) as a dog owner.

EN98/00 VOTE OF THANKS

The Committee expressed their thanks to Councillor Nuttall, who had recently resigned from the Council and Carol Bolt (Planning Solicitor), who was due to take up a post at Eversheds Solicitors, for all their valuable work for the Committee in recent times.

EN99/00 WARD MATTERS – JUNIPER GARDENS – COUNCILLOR PYM

The Committee noted that the request from Councillor Pym that white Give Way triangles be placed on the redway at the junction of Juniper Gardens, Walnut Tree had now been undertaken by the Council's contractors.

EN100/00 REVENUE BUDGET 1999/2000 MONITORING

The Committee considered a report which advised of 1999/2000 budget monitoring and of budget virements to the end of January 2000.

RESOLVED -

That the current situation regarding budget monitoring and virements in 1999/2000, be noted.

EN101/00 WASTE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT – BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Committee noted that if the 7 year contract tenders were as competitive as the Interim Waste Management Contract tenders, some of the service reductions agreed by the Committee may not be required. It was noted that some elements such as the withdrawal of the Bulk Skip Service would be reviewed when the new contract prices were known in May/June 2000.

EN102/00 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS

The Committee considered a report which advised of the reports finalised by the Internal Audit Service to the end of February 2000 and any actions arising in respect of areas falling within the remit of this Committee.

RESOLVED -

That the recommendations and comments made in the report be noted.

EN103/00 ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE PLAN AND DIVISIONAL SERVICE PLANS 2000/01

The Committee considered a report that presented the Directorate Service Plan and Divisional Service Plans for 2000/01. The Committee noted the corporate objectives and how they related to Environment Services with the priorities for action against each, together with the Directorate aims.

RESOLVED -

That the Directorate Plan and Divisional Service Plans, be adopted.

EN104/00 DOG FOULING – DESIGNATION/IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report that advised of the progress that had been made on the Dog Fouling Designation/Implementation Programme, with particular reference to an objection received in respect of the Council's proposals to designate land in Milton Keynes. The report also sought the Committee's views on the objection, and any impact that it may have on the programme of actions that had been drawn up by officers in conjunction with the Council's 'partners'.

RESOLVED -

1. That the original description of the land to be designated as referred to in Annex A to the report, be confirmed.
2. That the work undertaken with and on behalf of the Council's 'partners' be endorsed.
3. That the date for the implementation of the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 in Milton Keynes be 1 May 2000.

EN105/00 TENDER FOR DSO VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

The Committee considered a report that sought approval to tender for the purchase of vehicles and equipment as part of the planned replacement programme for the Council's fleet. The Committee expressed the view that any old equipment to be disposed of should be done so in an 'environmentally friendly' manner.

RESOLVED -

1. That a tender(s) for the replacement vehicles/equipment in two separate categories (Machinery and Vehicles) as outlined in the Annex to the report, be approved
2. That the Strategic Director, Environment be authorised to award contracts after receipt and evaluation in excess of £100,000 in consultation with the Chair of Environment Committee.

EN106/00 TENDER FOR AUTOMATIC PLASTIC SORTING EQUIPMENT

The Committee considered a report that sought approval to delegate the appointment of the Contractor for the Tender for Supply and Installation of Automatic Plastic Sorting Equipment for the Materials Recycling Facility to Strategic Director - Environment.

RESOLVED -

That Contract Standing Orders be suspended to enable the Strategic Director Environment to appoint the contractor, in consultation with the Chair or in his absence the Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee.

EN107/00 BLETCHLEY REGENERATION AND CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES DEVELOPMENT

The Committee received feedback from the 2 informal meetings held recently on Bletchley Regeneration and Central Milton Keynes Development. The Committee expressed the view that the evenings had been successful and well-attended events that allowed Members to discuss the issues in an informal way.

RESOLVED -

That the Retail Policy (CC2) for Central Milton Keynes be referred back to the Local Plan Sub-Committee for further consideration.

EN108/00 SUB-COMMITTEE AND PANEL MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the following Sub-Committee and Panel Minutes be received and adopted:

- (a) Landscape and Countryside Panel - 23 November 1999

RESOLVED –

That the recommendations of the Panel, be adopted.

- (b) Local Plan Sub-Committee – 23 February 2000 and 16 March 2000

The Committee also considered a schedule of the remaining policies and proposals (including Policy CC2) to be considered by the Local Plan Sub-Committee at its meeting on 13 April 2000.

RESOLVED –

1. That the recommendations of the Local Plan Sub-Committee made on 23 February 2000 and 16 March 2000 be adopted.
 2. That the Local Plan Sub-Committee be authorised to approve the remaining policies and proposals.
- (c) Direct Services Organisation Sub-Committee – 29 February 2000

EN109/00

**SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM – MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLOR
BARTLETT – ABANDONED VEHICLES AND LITTER
ABATEMENT ORDERS**

Further to Minute EN51/00, the Committee considered motions from Councillor Bartlett regarding Abandoned Vehicles and Litter Abatement Orders.

RESOLVED –

1. That a thorough review of the Council's policy on the removal of abandoned vehicles be prepared, and the Scrutiny Commission be requested to look at the issues surrounding these problems.
2. That the motion relating to Litter Abatement Orders be deferred to this Committee's successor body.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.45PM