



# ENVIRONMENT POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**8 NOVEMBER 2006**

**7.30 PM**

**ROOM 2, CIVIC OFFICES,  
CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES**

## **A G E N D A**

Councillor Hopkins (Chair)  
Councillor Tamagnini-Barbosa (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors Butler-Ellis, Eaton, Fraser, Ferrans, Holroyd and Legg

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## **Terms of Reference of the Environment Policy Development Committee**

1. Pre-decision scrutiny of all Policy Framework and other major policy documents within the Committee's remit.
2. Investigation of under-performing areas within the Committee's remit.
3. Identification of future policy requirements and issues, either with Cabinet or independently within the Committee's remit.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Apologies**

**3. Minutes**

To approve, and the Chair to sign as correct records, the Minutes of the meetings of the Environment Policy Development Committee held on 20 July (Item 3(a)) (**Pages 5 to 9**) and 27 September 2006 (Item 3(b)) (**Pages 10 to 14**)

**4. Disclosures of Interest**

Members and Officers to disclose any Personal or Prejudicial Interests they may have in the business to be transacted.

**5. Update of Policy Relating to Roadside Shrines**

On 3 February 2005, the Committee recommended that officers should draft a policy document to be submitted to Cabinet. The Committee is to receive an oral update from Chris Hughes, Highway Network Manager.

**6. Emergency Planning: Update**

As requested at its meeting on 15 February 2006, the Committee to receive a report from Malcolm Boscott, Senior Emergency Planning Officer, on the investigation of previous incidents (Geest fire and unexploded bomb controlled explosion) with external partners and lessons learnt (Item 6) (**Pages 15 to 17**)

**7. Parking Standards Review Group (Officer Review Group)**

As requested at its meeting on 20 July 2006, the Committee to receive a report from Dave Lawson, Senior Engineer, Highways Network Section, on the re-convening and work of the Parking Standards Review Group (Item 7) (**Pages 18 to 22**)

**8. Environmental Services: Impacts of the Government White Paper for Local Government**

Geoff Beck, Head of Environmental Services, to explore with the Committee aspects of the White Paper that will affect environmental services in Milton Keynes. The Committee is invited to comment and identify issues for future consideration.

The Government White Paper on 'Strong and Prosperous Communities can be found on website address: [www.communities.gov.uk](http://www.communities.gov.uk).

An analysis of the Local Government White Paper is attached at Item 8 (**Pages 23 to 27**)

**9. Progress Report on the Waste Contract**

The Committee to consider an oral report by Geoff Beck, Head of Environmental Services on the progress of the Waste Contract.

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