

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Scrutiny and Overview Committee 20 July 2005
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CALL IN – CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY GROUP

Purpose

1. To advise Members of the procedure to hear the call-in of Cabinet's decision not to establish a Climate Change Advisory Group and disband the informal Climate Change Group. The full Cabinet meeting is detailed in appendix a.

Background

2. On 8 June 2006 Cabinet decided to replace the informal Climate Change Group with a standing item on the conservation, sustainability and community planning portfolio holder meetings.
3. Following the publication of this decision five councillors decided to call-in the decision on the grounds that inadequate consultation had been carried out, in contravention of Article 13 decision making. The comments of these five members are detailed in full in appendix b.

Considerations

4. Councillor JA Hockney, the conservation, sustainability and community planning portfolio holder has suggests that the Climate Change Group meets directly after his portfolio holder meetings. The Committee may wish to agree with this compromise and move on to the next business.

Options

5. The Committee has two options
 - (a) Agree with the portfolio holder's suggestion, in which case it can be implemented immediately.
 - (b) Refer the decision back to Cabinet with an alternative recommendation.

Implications

6. This decision will not have any major implications for the Council.

7.

Financial	None
Legal	None
Staffing	Formal advisory group meetings would take-up more officer time than informal meetings
Risk Management	None
Equal Opportunities	None

Conclusions/Summary

8. The Committee must decide whether to agree with the portfolio holder's suggestion or come up with an alternative recommendation.

Effect on Annual Priorities and Corporate Objectives

9.

Affordable Homes	
Customer Service	
Northstowe and other growth areas	Creating a sustainable new community at Northstowe would be one of the objectives of the Group.
Quality, Accessible Services	
Village Life	
Sustainability	Maintaining a sustainable community would be the main objective of the Climate Change Advisory Group
Partnership	

Background Papers: the following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

None

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