

Climate Change Group: Councillors who have called-in this decision

- **Cllr Bob Bryant** who writes "In accordance with "Outside Article 13" (Page H5 Para 12.8 of the Constitution) I wish to call-in the decisions made by Cabinet on the 8th June. "To disband the informal Climate Change Group". It is my belief that this informal group, which is inexpensive to maintain, has been of considerable assistance to the climate change officer (Cameron Adams) in formulating future strategy and also having help with the content of the well received climate change document. With climate change being involved in many aspects of the council's future activities it would seem untimely to disband this specialist group and immerse the matter into a lengthy Portfolio Holder's agenda where it is likely to become diluted. Moreover, the Portfolio Holder proposes to set up a green think tank involving members, officers and the public using the council's web site. It is not thought that such an arrangement will not provide a satisfactory substitute for the present dedicated informal group who are highly motivated by their considerable interest in the future of our environment. The portfolio holder has failed the principles of decision making in that there was insufficient consultation with officers or the existing informal group; there was no substantiate justification for change and the action proposed will probably not result in the desired outcome. 19 June 2006"
- **Cllr Dr Stephen Harangozo** who writes "The formal reason for me doing this is the complete lack of consultation by the portfolio holder for sustainability on his proposal prior to the June cabinet meeting. Specifically, I believe this went entirely against best practice on decision-making with the cabinet members having a complete lack of information on which to make a proper, informed decision. As a result, the interests of the Council were not best served."
- **Cllr Mrs Hazel Smith** who writes "the portfolio holder failed to consult with officers and those members of council who had been interested in the subject"
- **Cllr Dr Susan van de Ven** who writes "Proper consultation was not carried out by the decision maker."
- **Cllr Mrs Sally Hatton** who writes "Both aspects of this decision were carried out without proper consultation."