

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on
Monday, 9 November 2009 at 2.30 p.m.

Portfolio Holder: Tom Bygott

Councillors in attendance:

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors: Deborah Roberts

Also in attendance:

Officers:

Iain Green	Environmental Health Officer (Public Health Specialist)
David Hill	Accountant
Dale Robinson	Corporate Manager, Health & Environmental Services
Ian Senior	Democratic Services Officer

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Sue Ellington sent apologies for absence. Councillor Tom Bygott had been appointed Interim Environmental Services Portfolio Holder.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

14. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder signed the minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2009 as a correct record,

15. DRAFT SERVICE PLANS 2010/11: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder considered a report seeking his views about the Health and Environmental Services draft Service Plan.

While recognising the high quality of the service as a whole, those present acknowledged that there remained room for improvement in certain areas of customers' contact with the Council. The Portfolio Holder's overriding aim was to secure value for money, while enhancing Health and Environmental Services' position as a front line Council service.

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder **endorsed** the draft Service Plan to be taken forward through the Council's decision-making and prioritisation processes.

16. COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN PLAN

Noting the Council's commitment to ensuring that South Cambridgeshire continues to be a safe and healthy place for all, the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder considered a report about proposals to establish a programme of at least ten Community Clean Up events each year throughout the District.

Councillor Deborah Roberts urged caution, saying that many residents saw this as a

district council function. In much the same way, parish councils might not be inclined to participate in clean-up events. There would however be a benefit in promoting such a scheme in partnership with Registered Social Landlords and the Council's Affordable Homes service. The Portfolio Holder supported the idea of offering inducements in order to promote good citizenship and a sense of ownership.

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder **agreed** the proposals for the Community Clean Up initiative as outlined in the report.

17. CONSULTATION ON A STRATEGY FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT IN ENGLAND

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder considered a report giving an overview of the Government's recent consultation on a strategy for hazardous waste management in England, and outlining some of the key points in the consultation document and potential implications for South Cambridgeshire District Council.

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder **agreed** with the RECAP (Recycling in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough) response to the consultation on a strategy for hazardous waste management in England, set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

18. WASTE FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE - CONSULTATION RESPONSE

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder considered a report on the RECAP (Recycling in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough) response to the Stage One consultation paper, issued jointly by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the Welsh Assembly Government, on the transposition of the revised Waste Framework Directive (WFD).

The Portfolio Holder asked the Corporate Manager (Health and Environmental Services) to stress to DEFRA his support for local democracy.

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

1. **endorsed** the RECAP response to the Stage One consultation paper on the transposition of the revised Waste Framework Directive (Directive 2008/98/EC) outlined in the report.
2. **noted** the approach and result of the Council's strategic review of refuse and recycling service was entirely consistent with the provisions of the revised WFD.

19. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING RENEWAL STRATEGY - RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANTS, REPLACEMENT BOILER GRANTS AND MAJOR RENOVATION LOANS

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder received and **noted** a report outlining progress in implementing phase 2 of the Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy and, specifically, the grants for renewable technology and replacement boilers.

The Portfolio Holder **endorsed** the success of the grants.

20. FINANCIAL MONITORING - SIX-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder received and **noted** a financial monitoring report for the interim period covering the first six months of the financial year 2009-10.

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder delegated responsibility to the Corporate

Manager for Health and Environmental Services to ensure that current reported variances continue to be monitored and proactively managed.

21. 2009/10 SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS PERFORMANCE REPORT (6 MONTH PROGRESS)

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder received and **noted** interim details of service improvements made during 2009-10.

22. 2009/10 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS REPORT (6 MONTH PROGRESS)

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder received and **noted** interim performance indicators for 2009-10.

23. FORWARD PLAN

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder received and noted the Forward Plan. It was agreed that parish councils should be encouraged to take ownership of the 'Best Kept Village' initiative.

24. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Those present noted that the next Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's meeting had been scheduled for Monday 14 December 2009 (2.00pm) but that, as yet, there were no items for the agenda.

The Meeting ended at 3.57 p.m.
