

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's Meeting held on
Monday, 25 January 2010 at 10.00 a.m.

Portfolio Holder: Sue Ellington

Councillors in attendance:

Scrutiny and Overview Committee monitors: Deborah Roberts

Opposition spokesmen: Hazel Smith and Susan van de Ven

Officers:

David Hill	Accountant
Dale Robinson	Corporate Manager, Health & Environmental Services
Ian Senior	Democratic Services Officer

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Sue Ellington declared a personal interest as part owner of DRE Pest Control Ltd in Swavesey.

26. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder agreed as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 23 October 2009 and 9 November 2009.

With reference to Minute 16 (Community Clean-up Campaign Plan), the Corporate Manager (Health and Environmental Services), in clarifying the Interim Portfolio Holder's support for "...inducements in order to promote good citizenship and a sense of ownership", said that the Council should give local volunteers limited material support while making sure that the promotion of "good citizenship" did not create health and safety or similar issues.

With reference to Minute 23 (Forward Plan – Best Kept Village initiative), the Environmental Services Portfolio Holder said that she would be attending a meeting in February 2010, chaired by the Chairman of Council, at which this matter would be progressed.

27. CAPITAL & REVENUE ESTIMATES FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO 2010/11

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder considered a report on the Revenue Estimates up to the year 2010-11 and the Capital Programme up to 2014-15.

Those present discussed a number of issues arising from the report and its appendices, including the following points:

- South Cambridgeshire District Council's provision of a pest control service for East Cambridgeshire
- Trunk Road litter

At paragraphs 62 and 63 of the report, the Portfolio Holder noted the impact of a reducing

budget and asked that she be informed of progress on a regular basis.

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder **endorsed** the Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme shown at Appendices A and C attached to the report and **recommended** them for approval by the Cabinet, subject to the Medium Term Financial Strategy being adjusted to take account of the £91,500 that lies outside the targeted budget.

28. CAPITAL & REVENUE ESTIMATES - AWARDED WATERCOURSES

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder considered a report on the Revenue Estimates up to the year 2010-11 and the Capital Programme up to 2014-15, insofar as they related to the Awarded Watercourses service.

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder

1. **endorsed** the Awarded Watercourses Revenue Estimates and Capital Programme shown at Appendices A and B attached to the report, and recommended them for approval by the Cabinet; and
2. **recommended** that Cabinet confirm the proposals for capital expenditure shown at Appendix C1 to the report.

29. HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FEES AND CHARGES 2010-11

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder considered a report proposing fees and charges for licensing, authorisation functions, waste management, Environmental Health services and training for the 2010-11 financial year.

The Portfolio Holder expressed concern at the lack of a dog warden service.

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder **agreed** the fees and charges set out in Appendix 1 to the report from the Corporate Manager (Health and Environmental Services).

30. 2009/10 SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS PERFORMANCE REPORT: HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (9 MONTH PROGRESS)

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder received a progress report on service improvements during 2009-10.

The Corporate Manager (Health and Environmental Services) referred briefly to South Cambridgeshire District Council's provision of a trade refuse service in parts of East Cambridgeshire.

Those present discussed a number of issues arising from the report, in particular

- The 'Best Kept Village' process, which would now be led by the Chairman of the Council in order to avoid a conflict of interest
- Litter along the A10

31. 2009/10 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS REPORT: HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (9 MONTH PROGRESS)

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder received a report on Health and Environmental Services' Performance Indicators for 2009-10.

Councillor Deborah Roberts paid tribute to the way in which frontline staff had continued service provision to residents during the adverse weather conditions encountered during December 2009 and January 2010.

32. FORWARD PLAN

The Environmental Services Portfolio Holder noted the Forward Plan. She requested that a report on Member Development be presented to the next meeting.

33. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Those present noted that the next Environmental Services Portfolio Holder's meeting had been scheduled for Tuesday 16 March 2010, starting at 2.00pm.

The Meeting ended at 12.20 p.m.
