
Meeting	Communities and Environment Policy and Scrutiny Committee
Date	15 March 2017
Present	Councillors Gunnell (Chair), Richardson (Vice-Chair), Hunter, Kramm, Dew, Mason and Cannon (Substitute for Councillor Funnell)
Apologies	Councillor Funnell

43. Declarations Of Interest

Members were asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests that they might have in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

44. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Communities and Environment Policy and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 25 January 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

45. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme on the following item:

5. Flood Risk in York – the York 5 Year Plan Update

Mr Chamings spoke on the concerns of Fishergate residents in relation to the Flood Plan. He stated that those living down stream of the Foss Barrier felt unprotected and were worried they ran the risk of being missed by the plan.

46. 2016/17 Finance and Performance Monitor 3 Report

Members considered a report which provided details of the 2016/17 forecast outturn position, for both finance and

performance, across services within the scrutiny committee's remit.

The Finance Manager was in attendance to present the report and answer Member questions.

During discussion Members highlighted information missing in several columns of the Performance Scorecard (Annex A). The Finance Manager clarified that these figures should be considered a snapshot of information, whereby some of the figures were collected quarterly but many would be collected on an annual basis. Members also queried the addition of the 'target' column which had not been used at all and it was agreed the Finance Manager would discuss this with Business Intelligence and report back to Members.

Resolved: That Members note the report.

Reason: To update the Committee on the latest finance and performance position.

47. Flood Risk In York - The York 5 Year Plan Update

Members considered a report and presentation from CYC Officers and Environment Agency representatives on the development of a five year flood plan for York.

The Environment Agency Project Director (York 5 Year Plan) was in attendance to deliver the presentation and answer Member questions.

In response to issues raised by the public participant the Project Director stated that Fishergate would certainly be covered by the 5 Year Plan and that property level protection was one of several options being considered.

In terms of timescale, the project was on target for delivery in 2021. Contractors would be on site by 2018 and in the event that works were not complete by 2021 there would still be a contractual commitment to the work. Initial assessments were now complete and outline designs had gone out to tender.

Members' attention was drawn to the information hub that would be opening inside what was a bike shop on North Street. This would be a work space for Officers which would open during set

hours for public access. This would allow the Environment Agency to exhibit plans as they developed and to answer any questions the public may have.

Members expressed concerns regarding consultation with residents and the recording of this information. Following a request from Members that all information be recorded and made publicly available, it was decided that these would be considered via the Executive Member for Environment's Decision Sessions.

In response to questions regarding the impact of new developments on flood risk the Flood Risk Manager stated that there was far more control of planning and development now than at any point in the last 20 years with the use of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and clarified that flood risk and drainage were always a consideration during the planning process.

The Chair thanked the Project Director for his attendance and praised the ongoing and visible partnership working between the EA and CYC.

Resolved: That Members note the report.

Reason: To update the Committee on the development of a five year flood plan for York.

48. Update on Implementation of Recommendations from Previously Completed Goose Management Scrutiny Review

Members received their first formal update on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the previously completed Goose Management Scrutiny Review.

The Scrutiny Officer confirmed that other Ward Councillors had declined to support Micklegate Councillors financially, through use of their ward budgets, as they did not consider the issue a priority for their residents. Micklegate Councillors confirmed they would be proceeding with the funding of some of the measures identified through the review, in an effort to address the geese related issues affecting their ward.

Resolved: That;

- i. the implementation update information detailed in Annex A be noted
- ii. a further update be brought to the relevant scrutiny committee in six months time

Reason: To raise awareness of those recommendations which are still to be fully implemented.

49. Workplan 2016/7

Consideration was given to the committee's work plan for the municipal year 2016/17.

Resolved: That the committee's work plan for 2016/17 be approved subject to the following addition:

- Quarterly Flood Risk Update (June)

Reason: To ensure that the committee has a planned programme of work in place.

Councillor Gunnell, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 7.20 pm].