
MEETING	SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
DATE	26 NOVEMBER 2007
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS BLANCHARD (VICE-CHAIR, IN THE CHAIR), HUDSON (AS SUBSTITUTE FOR GALVIN), KIRK, MOORE, SCOTT (UNTIL 6.45PM), SIMPSON-LAING, TAYLOR AND R WATSON
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR GALVIN
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLOR B WATSON (UNTIL 6.50PM)

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

No interests were declared.

29. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Management Committee held on 22 October 2007 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record, with an amendment to paragraph 3 of minute 26 (Drainage in York – Feasibility Study) to replace the word “revised” with “resubmitted”.

30. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council’s Public Participation Scheme.

31. UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF PREVIOUS SCRUTINY REVIEWS

This report provides Members with an update on the implementation of recommendations made as a result of the following scrutiny reviews completed since 2004:

- Takeaways; Powers of Enforcement – completed October 2005;
- Reducing Carbon Emissions – completed September 2006;
- Recycling & Re-use – completed September 2006.

The Assistant Director (Planning & Sustainable Development) attended the meeting to answer questions relating to the “Takeaways; Powers of Enforcement” topic and also recommendations from the “Reducing Carbon Emissions” topics which fell within his area of responsibility.

In relation to the “Takeaways; Powers of Enforcement” topic, it was reported that the update from the Environmental Protection Unit on recommendation 1 was still awaited and that this would be circulated to Members by email. In relation to recommendation 2, information was requested from Neighbourhood Services on the possibility of using street operatives to feed back information on hours of opening.

In relation to the “Reducing Carbon Emissions” topic, Members highlighted the need for follow up training and briefing notes to be provided for them to cover updates to BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method).

With regards to the “Recycling and Re-use” topic, Members highlighted the need to continue monitoring recommendation 2 and, in relation to recommendation 3, requested an explanation as to why a re-use credits system was considered too complicated to implement. For recommendation 4, Members expressed the view that the payment of re-use credits for the Bike Rescue Project should be reconsidered and also requested information on how the Bicycle Recovery Project was being monitored. With regards to recommendation 5, Members requested further details of the ongoing work referred to in the update.

- RESOLVED: (i) That the recommendations on “Takeaways; Powers of Enforcement” be signed off, subject to the additional information requested being provided¹;
- (ii) That the recommendations on “Reducing Carbon Emissions” be signed off;
- (iii) That recommendation 1 on “Recycling and Re-use” be signed off and the Assistant Director (Environmental Services) be invited to a future meeting to provide a further update on the remaining recommendations².

REASON: To raise awareness of those recommendations which have still to be implemented.

[Councillor Moore requested that his vote against recommendation (i) be recorded.]

Action Required

- 1 Provision of additional information by email;
2 Attend future meeting to provide further update.

JB
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P BLANCHARD, in the Chair

[The meeting started at 6.25 pm and finished at 7.05 pm].