

Time commenced - 6.00 pm
Time finished - 7.15 pm

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
9 DECEMBER 2004**

Present: Councillor Ahern (in the Chair)
Councillors Baxter, P Berry, Bolton, Jackman, Leeming,
Rehman, Troup and Willitts

42/04 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

43/04 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

44/04 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

45/04 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2004 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

46/04 Call-In

There were no call-ins.

47/04 Collection and Sorting of Recyclable Materials

The Commission received a presentation from Colin Stewart, the Councils Contract Development Officer, on the collection and sorting of recyclable materials. He said that the objectives were to minimise contamination and maximise the value of the collected materials. The Commission were told that there were 3 distinct types of collections, these were:

- paper, textiles, glass and cans
- compostable materials
- non recyclable materials.

The Chair expressed concern that most residents did not know what was compostable

It was reported that a composting plant due to be completed March-April 2005 was being developed at Ashbourne. The plant would compost household food waste and garden waste.

It was reported that catering services food waste was exempt from the requirement to recycle until December 2005. It was confirmed that all textiles and shoes collected by the Council were donated to the Padley Centre. In response to a question asking if furniture that was collected was taken to the Derby Furniture Project. Councillor Troup responded that the Council do collect furniture but charge the householder for doing so.

Colin Stewart also gave details of a proposed new plant that would be able to sort recyclable materials mechanically and would have the capability of processing 20,000 tonnes a year.

The Commission thanked Colin for his presentation.

Resolved to note the report.

48/04 Street Cleaning Services – Award of Contract

The Commission received a presentation from Colin Stewart on the award of the street cleaning contract. It was reported that 3 tenders for the contract had been received. Commercial Services had been awarded the contract.

The contract would run for 7 years and would include over-night cleaning and gully emptying.

It was confirmed that waste from street cleaning, including leaves, would be recycled or composted.

John Hansed requested that members inform the Street Care Section of any street cleaning problems they became aware of.

Commercial Services were congratulated on winning the contract.

Resolved to note the report.

49/04 Performance Eye

The Commission received a report from the Chair of the Planning and Environment Commission that explained how performance information relating to the remit of the Commission was reported in Performance Eye.

It was reported that Performance Eye was now available to all Commission Members. It would allow them to look at the performance of service departments against a range of performance indicators.

Three methods of using the information available from Performance Eye were suggested. These were:

1. For the Commission to include Performance Eye on its agenda of every other meeting and to request the Chief Officers or their deputies to attend those meetings to answer whatever questions members might have about their department's performance in respect of the indicators.
2. For the Commission to include Performance Eye as a standing item on its agenda. At one meeting Members could then identify the Performance Indicators that they wanted to examine in detail at the next meeting of the Commission.
3. For the Commission to identify an area in which it had a particular interest and for the Co-ordination Officer to prepare a 'forward plan' aimed at bringing a report on all the indicators relating to that particular area to the Commission within say two, or three, business meetings.

Resolved to ask Commission members to inform the Chair, Vice-Chair or Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator of the Performance Eye areas in which they were interested. Arrangements would then be made to bring a report on the selected areas to the next meeting of the Commission.

50/04 Forward Plan

Members identified the following items from the Council Cabinet Forward Plan for consideration at a future meeting:

27/04 To approve a policy and a set of actions which aim to achieve tobacco smoke free status in all enclosed public buildings in the City

51/04 Responses of the Council Cabinet to any Reports of the Commission

None.

52/04 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

Litter, Oakwood District Centre, Oakwood

The Commission considered a referral from Council Cabinet, following a recommendation from Area Panel 1, to appoint an enforcement officer to fine people for dropping litter.

Resolved to consider the request as an issue for the whole City as part of the budget scrutiny process.

53/04 Work Plan

Draft report on the review of the Tree Management Policy

The Commission considered a second draft report comprising Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the review of the Tree Management Policy. The report set out five recommendations that addressed issues identified during the review of the Tree Management Policy. The Commission were told that the final report would be presented to Council Cabinet on 21 December 2004. It was requested that any comments on the draft report should be submitted to David Romaine by 16 December 2004.

The Commission thanked David Romaine for his work on the Review.

Dog Fouling

A press release from ENCAMS that highlighted problems surrounding dog fouling was circulated at the meeting. It was agreed that the Commission would discuss dog fouling at the meeting on 20 January 2005, with the aim of commencing a review of the topic later in 2005.

Minutes End