

Time commenced - 6.00pm  
Time finished - 7.40pm

## CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION 11 NOVEMBER 2008

Present: Councillor Williams (Chair)  
Councillors Chera, Grimadell Ingall, Keane, Shanker and  
Tuplin

In Attendance: Councillors Bayliss, Carr, Jackson, Leeming, Naitta, Nath  
and Troup

### 39/08 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Graves, Hird, Lowe and R Khan.

### 40/08 Late Items

The Chair introduced two late items. The Climate Change Commission had been invited to a Local Government Association conference on tackling Climate Change. It was reported that the workshops looked suitably robust, and that there was enough funding available for Members to attend.

The Chair had attended a State of the City Forum in October to talk about Climate Change. At the event, a young person had suggested that a competition for schools be introduced to design a logo for re-usable bags. This idea had been welcomed, and John Cadwalladar, Derby Cityscape, had offered two prizes of £250 as prizes. The Chair suggested that the Commission invite some young people to join the meetings as their input would be invaluable. It was noted that the Children and Young People's Commission had already done this.

#### **Resolved:**

- 1. For interested Members to contact the Overview and Scrutiny Officers regarding attendance at the conference**
- 2. To ask Adele Styles, Young People's Senior Consultation Officer, about the possibility of young people's representatives joining the Climate Change Commission**

### 41/08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

### 42/08 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2008 and the special meeting held on 23 October 2008 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 43/08      Call-In

No items were identified for call-in.

#### 44/08      Joint Pre-Budget Briefing with Community Commission

The Commission received a joint pre-budget briefing with the Community Commission. The briefing was delivered by service area and highlighted the key budget pressures and savings.

The Climate Change Unit reported that there would be pressures arising from the need to build on the work begun on NI 185, 186 and 188, as well as the pressures from the Government Commitment to Carbon Reduction. This would take the form of purchase of carbon credits at a rate of £12 per tonne beginning April 2010. It was noted that there were penalties for authorities who went over their credit limit, or who were reporting use incorrectly, and this would need to be identified as a future budget pressure of £70,000 per annum. Members were concerned with the potential impact of the national indicators, and requested to receive the methodology used to measure NI 186 in particular.

Environmental Services reported that there would be budget pressures arising from land fill tax (£600,000), renewal of time limited NEAT funding (£600,000) and the rescheduling of refuse collection rounds (£325,000). It was noted that the Cabinet decision to keep two public toilets open until the new bus station was built was estimated to cost £10,000 per month. There would also be pressures from the planned closure of Shaftesbury sports centre, which had now been revised (£90,000). Members requested that further information be circulated regarding why Shaftesbury Sports Centre was planned for closure and why it had been reprieved. They also requested a breakdown on the costs required to maintain the public toilets in the city.

Regeneration and Community reported that there were ongoing budget pressures from making the IT provision within the city libraries fit for purpose. It was noted that this strategy would prevent a threat to opening hours and minimise impacts on front line services. Museums were also facing potential budget pressures with the possible loss of Renaissance funding, although there were signs that this could continue past 2012. It was noted that the area and neighbourhood budget was planned to be larger than the £1.3m neighbourhood renewal fund, but that the £170,000 for neighbourhood boards was a one off payment for 2008/09. If this was to continue further then this would have to be identified as a £170,000 budget pressure. Members were keen to ensure that neighbourhood funding was not diminished, and to ask Cabinet to reaffirm the priority given to neighbourhood working.

The Housing and Advice section identified new budget pressures arising from the new system of licensing houses in multiple occupation, which required the section to seek out and license these properties. However, it was noted that after two years it was expected that this would generate income. There would also be a budget pressure from homelessness, although the exact impact would not be known until the new year.

**Resolved:**

- 1. To receive further figures relating to Shaftesbury Sports Centre and the public toilets in Derby City.**
- 2. To receive the methodology for the calculation of NI186**
- 3. To request that Cabinet reaffirm the priority given to neighbourhood working and ensure the budget provision is not diminished.**

#### 45/08      Water Coolers Update

The Commission received an oral update from Councillor Carr, Cabinet Member for Direct and Internal Services, on the proposals to remove the water coolers which had been recommended by the Commission in June and considered by Cabinet in July. It was reported that the Cabinet had agreed to the proposals in principle, but it was felt that consultation would be required before any action could be taken. The recommendations had been taken to the corporate joint committee, but it was reported that unless a viable alternative was in place it would not be accepted by the unions, especially as the refurbishment of the Council House was imminent. It was felt that there were bigger issues in the wings which would need staff engagement, and so this issue would not be pursued at the current time.

The Commission were disappointed with this outcome, as they felt that this was a missed opportunity for staff to show their concern about climate change issues, and was a potential to make a significant saving both in carbon and financially. The Commission agreed that this should be identified as a future budget saving.

**Resolved to identify removal of water coolers as a future budget saving.**

#### 46/08      Performance Eye

The Commission considered the latest Performance Eye indicators, and where the national indicators fitted into the Local Area Agreement. It was agreed that these indicators should take priority in the Commissions considerations and it would help to provide concentrated performance management.

The Commission agreed that it would be important to receive an update on the Council's own progress towards NI 185, which would include information on reducing carbon dioxide emissions and the progress towards the 25%

carbon reduction. It was noted that this was a yearly indicator, and whilst full reports would not be available until July 2009, it would be useful to receive commentary on the progress, including timeframes, milestones and outcomes. The Commission were also encouraged to bring further ideas for carbon savings to future meetings.

**Resolved:**

- 1. To receive an update on NI 185 to include timeframes, milestones and outcomes**
- 2. For Commission members to bring forward ideas for further carbon savings to future meetings**

47/08      Retrospective Scrutiny

No items were identified for retrospective scrutiny.

48/08      Recycling Pilot Project in Schools

The Commission considered a report from Councillor Hird on her visits to two city centre schools to see how they were managing with the pilot recycling programme. The schools were Alvaston Junior and Chaddesdon Park Junior. It was reported that the scheme had been embraced by both schools, but some problems had been identified. These included:

- Storage of recyclables in classrooms
- The timing and logistics of bin collections
- Volume of material being produced

It was agreed that the report should be circulated to Environmental Services and an update on the actions being taken to address the problems should be brought to the January meeting.

**Resolved to receive an update on the progress to address the problems identified by schools at the January meeting.**

49/08      Draft Topic Review Report

The commission considered the draft topic review report. It was noted that this was only a starting point for the report, as it required further input from the Commission for the recommendation. It was agreed to hold a special meeting to consider these, in order to be able to present the final report to the Climate Change Board on 11 December 2008.

The commission considered information from the Defra website on comparator information towards key performance targets. The Commission agreed that it would be useful to visit some combined heat and power plants.

**Resolved:**

- 1. To hold a special meeting of the Commission to discuss the draft topic review report and finalise the recommendations**

**2. To consider a visit to a CHP plant to investigate their effectiveness.**

**50/08 Forward Plan**

The Commission considered the latest forward plan and the items relating to their remit. Members commented that they would like further involvement in the proposed waste solution as there was some questions outstanding relating to its exact location.

**Resolved to note the report.**

**51/08 Responses of the Council and Council Cabinet to recommendations of the Commission**

There were no items

**52/08 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet**

No matters were referred

**53/08 Matters referred to the Commission by Scrutiny Management Commission**

The Scrutiny Management Commission recommended that the Climate Change Commission gave some consideration to the performance of the waste management service due to the number of complaints received relating to missed and stolen bins. The Commission agreed that this would merit attention, and that they would arrange a meeting with Environmental Services and the Cabinet Member for Direct and Internal Services to review this problem.

**Resolved to hold a special meeting to consider the problems of waste collection**

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