

Time commenced - 6.00pm
Time finished - 7.30pm

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION
12 NOVEMBER 2007

Present: Councillor Ingall (In the Chair)
Councillors Afzal, Dhamrait, Grimadell, Rawson,
Richards, and Wood.
Jane Temple – co opted member
Peter Robinson – co opted member

31/07 Apologies

There were no apologies

32/07 Late Items

There were no late items.

33/07 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

34/07 Minute of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

35/07 Call-in

There were no items

36/07 Performance Eye

Members of the Commission were provided with a list of Performance Eye indicators. It was noted that the BV199d indicator would be reported on later in the meeting.

Resolved to note the Performance Eye indicators

37/07 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

38/07 Climate Change Control Measures in Germany

The Commission received a report on current measures in place in Germany, and more specifically in Osnabrück (Derby City's twin town) from Matthias Göcken of Osnabrück Council.

It was reported that Germany was supportive of the EU Climate Change agenda and had increased funding to 2.6 billion Euros in 2008 to work towards achieving its aims of cutting emissions by 36% by 2020.

It was reported that Osnabrück Council also provided funding towards measures to combat climate change. The Council provided citizens with information regarding alternative powers sources, and offered an interactive energy advisor to provide support. It was reported that most of Derby City Council's emissions came from its' buildings, and it was suggested that two key factors to combat this would be insulation and modernisation.

The Panel welcomed the report, and agreed that it highlighted a number of interesting issues that had resonance with Derby City's own situation.

Resolved to thank Matthias for the report, and to note its contents.

39/07 BV 199d – Reduction in the number of fly-tips and increase in enforcement action

The Commission received an update from Malcolm Price, Policy Strategy Manager for Regeneration and Community regarding this Performance Indicator. It was reported that this indicator was measured on a scale of 1-4 with 1 representing a significant reduction in flytips and an increase in enforcement. Derby was currently at 4, but was hoping to achieve a 3 status by the end of the year.

It was reported that there was no standardised way of reporting these indicators and so it is difficult to compare previous years figures and figures of other authorities as it was not necessarily comparing like with like. It was noted that enforcement activity in Derby had increased since 2005/06, when there was none, to 100 enforcement reports in 2006/07. The half year figures for 2007/08 were showing that significant improvements were being made on enforcement and that this would have a positive impact on this Performance Eye Indicator. It was also noted that more pro-active action had been taken by integrating enforcement activities with waste-management activities.

The indicators also presented additional problems, including correctly identifying fly-tips as opposed to general household 'side waste', and the problem of waste generated by turnover of properties. It was reported that the differentiation between fly-tips and side waste was often a value judgement. The Chair noted that it would be of value for the Commission to spend some

time with the fly-tip team to see exactly what sort of items were being dumped, and the kinds of action the team took.

The Commission noted that the present situation may be a consequence of people having more waste than an average rubbish bin could take, and this in turn may be a consequence of an excess of supermarket packaging. Although the Government was already challenging the manufacturers, it was felt that there was merit in the Commission adding their support to this cause.

Resolved to:

- 1. write to the Minister for the Environment to ask for action in getting food manufacturers to decrease their packaging**
- 2. have a Commission representative spend some time with the fly-tip team and report back**

40/07 Cost Benefit Criteria for Carbon/Climate Change projects

The Commission received an update from Neil Norwood, Energy Group Leader, on the cost benefit analysis and project payback times for Climate change projects. It was reported that the Carbon Trust had received software allowing them to track the Carbon Implications of all of the projects submitted for funding. There would need to be a standard payback time of 5 years, and a saving of £100 per tonne of Carbon saved to get funding. All projects needed to comply with this to receive funding.

It was noted that the Commission would have difficulty with the Perth Street building as a result of this, as very few of the planned improvements would meet the criteria for funding because the payback was in the region of 20-80 years – especially regarding the preferred lighting option.

Resolved

- 1. to note the report**
- 2. to receive full costings for the Perth Street lighting and then try for funding approval from the Board or from Cabinet**

41/07 Consideration of the Draft Climate Change Action Plan

The Commission considered the draft Climate Change Action Plan which was intended to help the Council achieve its carbon reduction target. The draft Plan was presented to the Commission as part of the consultation to improve the shape and form of the document.

It was noted that the draft plan contained gaps, but this was not seen as a problem as the Action Plan was designed to get a feel for the shape of the programme, rather than to provide a list of potential projects to be undertaken. It was acknowledged that the Plan was to be organic, and would be referred to the Board on a 6 monthly basis to be updated.

The Commission were requested to put their views on the Plan to Andy Hills by Friday 16 November 2007.

Resolved to note the draft plan and send any suggestions to Andy Hills by the deadline

42/07 Proposed Climate Change Action Programme and linkage to the Climate Change Commission Workplan

It was reported that a lot had been done to identify the role of the Commission within the Climate Change Action Programme. Two specific roles had been identified that would assist in the work of the Climate Change Board. These were to:

1. Identify a small working group to work with the Climate Change Board to help them achieve their aims
2. Conduct research on behalf of the Board to help them take issues forward.

It was noted that a working group would need to meet more frequently than the Commissions current schedule permitted, and that there was an important meeting of the Climate change Board meeting on the 6th December which would be a good starting point for a 3 person working group.

The Commission discussed a scoping report on a large scale public conference into Carbon mitigation. It was decided not to proceed with this because the aims of the conference would be covered by the 7Cs conference in January 2008. It was noted that there was still a need for further public information and awareness raising regarding this issue, but it was recognised that the resources of the Commission in terms of both time and finance were not sufficient to cover a conference and to conduct research on behalf of the Board. The Commission therefore had to choose how best to utilise its resources.

It was considered whether the Commission could support the Council's role as an educator regarding Climate Change by adding public information programmes into the Commissions work programme but perhaps supporting them in other ways.

Resolved :

- 1. for Councillors Ingall, Grimadell and Richards to form a Climate Change sub-committee to work alongside the Climate Change Board**
- 2. to support the Climate Change Board by undertaking research on their behalf and help them to take issues forward**
- 3. to consider adding items supporting the role of the Council as an educator regarding Climate Change to the Work Programme for the Commission**

43/07 Consultation of the Climate Change Commission on the proposed Planning and Transportation Commission questionnaire on highway and footway maintenance

The Commission considered the Planning and Transportation Commission's questionnaire, which had been designed to see how other unitary authorities funded highway and footway maintenance. The Planning and Transportation Commission had asked for the Climate Change Commission to comment on the possibilities for adding questions on the carbon implications of highway and footway maintenance.

Resolved for Members to contact David Romaine by 23 November 2007 with any questions to be added to the questionnaire

44/07 Details of forthcoming Climate Change Commission meetings and visits

Members were informed that there would be a Special Meeting of the Commission with Tony Marment and John Beardmore on 19 November 2007. It was noted that a press release would be required to raise public awareness of this. A visit to Vital Earth was scheduled for 27 November 2007.

Resolved to note the events.

45/07 Council Cabinet Forward Plan.

Item 28/07 A Derby City Parks and Open Spaces Strategy

It was reported that this item would come to a future Committee meeting.

Resolved to note the item.

29/07 Response of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

The Commission considered the minutes from the Council Cabinet meeting held 30 October. Items 98/07 and 99/07 referred to the work of the Commission, and the Commission welcomed the action taken by the Cabinet. In particular, the Commission was pleased to see that the Cabinet had decided to include carbon implications of proposals in Council reports, as it was acknowledged that there had initially been some resistance to this suggestion.

Resolved to note the response, and to monitor the use of carbon implications in reports.

30/07 Matters referred to the Commission from the Council
Cabinet

There were no items.

MINUTES END