

Time commenced 6.00 pm
Time finished 8.10 pm

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
3 APRIL 2006

Present: Councillor Ahern (in the Chair)
Councillors Baxter, P Berry, Care, Leeming and Tittley

81/05 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Carr.

82/05 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

The Chair suggested that the Commission might wish to visit the Water Recycling Plant at Ashford in Kent. It was decided to defer the decision on this until after the election and possibly look for somewhere nearer.

83/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

84/05 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2006 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to adding Councillor Leeming to the list of attendees.

85/05 Call-In

There were no call-ins.

Items for Discussion

86/05 A514 Weight Restriction

Chief Inspector Paul Berry and Inspector Paul Skinner attended the meeting at the request of the Commission to discuss the A514 Weight Restriction. Mel Smith, Trading Standards Manager, also attended the meeting. During the extensive discussion of the matter, members expressed concerns over the apparent lack of enforcement of the weight restriction. Chief Inspector Berry explained that the enforcement of traffic weight restrictions was a low priority within traffic policing and that limited resources were available. There was discussion about co-operative working between the police and the Council's Trading Standards Officers and a general agreement that this approach would be considered in the future.

Resolved

1. To note the presentation

2. To thank Chief Inspector Berry and Inspector Skinner for attending the meeting.

87/05 Rerouting of the Arriva Melbourne Bus Service through the Chellaston West Royale Estate

Councillor Tittley introduced this item and informed the Commission of residents' concerns about the apparent lack of consultation on the bus route. After discussions the Chair agreed to take the matter up with the Bus Consultation Group.

88/05 Winter Maintenance

The Commission received a presentation from John Hansed, Head of Street Care, on Forward Plan Item 99/04 Winter Maintenance Provision. John Hansed explained the priority was to keep major roads clear and said that there was also a requirement to keep footways clear and to pre grit if bad weather was forecast. The revised Plan will be going out to public consultation shortly.

Resolved

To thank John Hansed and note the report

89/05 Air Quality Update Report

The Commission received a report on Forward Plan Item 75/05 Progress Report on Air Quality including a detailed assessment of benzene levels in the City and 76/05 Air Quality Review – a detailed assessment of traffic related pollutants in the City.

Resolved

To request a further update report on the benzene levels in Spondon to a future meeting and to invite an Accordis representative to attend.

90/05 Performance Eye

a) No new items were identified for consideration.

b) The Commission received a report on Performance Eye Indicators BV82(a) and BV82 (a) (ii). John Hansed, Head of Street Care and Waste Management, informed the Commission that the short term decline in recycling levels had been due in part to the inability of WRG to find a suitable alternative outlet for the board to be recycled. The subcontractor who had previously carried out the work was no longer able to take the material. The Commission noted that when composting was taken into account both recycling and composting were in the top quartile nationally. He also explained that this indicator does not affect the Council's CPA score.

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- c) Heather Greenan, Planning and Performance Manager, presented a list of performance indicators relevant to the Commission.

Resolved

To consider the quarterly indicators and receive an update report on the annual indicators at the appropriate time.

91/05 Retrospective Scrutiny

No items were identified for retrospective scrutiny.

92/05 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

There were no items identified.

93/05 Responses of the Council Cabinet/ Council Cabinet Members to any reports of the Commission

The Commission considered a minute extract from Council Cabinet on 21 February 2006 regarding the Commission's recommendations from the Revenue Budget 2006/07 to 2008/09.

94/05 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet/Council Cabinet Members

There were no items.

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