

Time commenced 6.00pm  
Time finished 7.00pm

**CORPORATE SCRUTINY AND CLIMATE CHANGE BOARD**  
**28 JANUARY 2013**

Present: Councillor Tittley (Chair)  
Councillors Afzal, Hickson, Hiller, Holmes, Jones, Redfern, Whitby  
and Wood

**41/12 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**42/12 Late Items Introduced by the Chair**

There were no late items.

**43/12 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations.

**44/12 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 January 2013**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**45/12 Council Cabinet Forward Plan**

No items were selected. However Members asked for information to be circulated to them regarding item 02/12 Citywide Data Network and to be informed when this was expected to come on stream.

**46/12 Call-in**

There were no items.

**47/12 Hydro Electric Power Generation Plants**

The Board considered a report which set out at a high level the extent to which further hydro power options were available to the Council. The meaning of available was taken to the reasonable expectation to be cost effective, achievable and viable.

The study found that

Option	Extent of Availability/Viability
Longbridge Weir	High

Black Weir, Borrowash	Low (for Council Scheme) Medium) for Derwent Hydroelectric Power Ltd scheme)
Darley Abbey	Low
Various very small schemes	Very Low

The Board concluded that apart from the Longbridge Weir power generation plant, none of the other schemes were viable. The Council should only pursue a hydroelectric project if it was viable and be able to pay for itself.

It was noted that the consultants looking at combined heat and power would be invited to the next meeting to present their findings.

**Resolved to note the study findings regarding the extent to which potential hydroelectric power schemes were available and viable to the Council.**

## 48/12 Update on Issues of Staff Relocating to the Council House

The Board considered a report which stated that following the refurbishment of the Council House employees were now moving back into the Council House. The move was being carried out in a well organised and structured manner and employees were settling in well in their new home. The Board at its meeting in November 2012 requested an update at a future meeting. The Director of Strategic Services and Transformation had been invited to update the Board on the challenges arising from the return to the Council House.

Members made the following comments:

- Generally the moves had been handled very well and Margaret Sellors in particular should be commended for her work in assisting the Members recent to the Council House.
- There was concern that lights were being left on at the Council House – it was noted that contractors were still working in the Council House between 6pm and 2am but this would cease in a couple of weeks.

**Resolved to note the report.**

## 49/12 Update on the Review of Challenging Regeneration Sites

The Board considered a report which stated that the Board at its meeting in September 2012 received a presentation from the Director of Regeneration on a review of challenging regeneration sites. The Board set up an investigation to look at the generic problems affecting key development sites in and around the city centre.

A review programme was established and a series of meeting had been held with key individuals to identify key issues and consider measures that could be adopted to bring theses sites into use. The report updated the Board on the work carried out so far and the next steps of the review process.

**Resolved to note the progress of the topic review.**

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