

Time commenced 6.00 pm
Time finished 7.35 pm

**ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION
5 JUNE 2006**

Present: Councillor Jackson (in the Chair)
Councillors Afzal, Care, Dhindsa, Hird, Ingall, Poulter, Rawson,
Travis and West

01/06 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Carr.

02/06 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

03/06 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

04/06 Minutes

The minutes of the Culture and Prosperity Commission meeting held on 27 March 2006 and the Planning and Environment Commission held on 30 April 2006 were received and noted, subject to adding Councillor West to the list of attendees at the Culture and Prosperity Commission.

05/06 Call-In

- a) There were no call-ins.
- b) The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed the procedure for call-in and the associated protocol.

Resolved to note the report.

Items for Discussion

06/06 Outstanding Overview and Scrutiny Items

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that detailed items from previous Overview and Scrutiny Commissions' work plan that were relevant to the new Commission portfolio.

It was considered that a further report on Benzene levels was not necessary as the Spondon Ward Councillors were monitoring the issues carefully and regularly attended local meetings for updates.

Resolved to consider the following items at the most appropriate meeting of the Commission:

- **Energy Review**
- **Sponsorship for Arts Events**
- **Public Art - A Decision Making Framework**
- **Peak District and Derbyshire Destination Management Partnership**
- **Closure of footpath alongside the Silk Mill**

07/06 Sponsorship Topic Review – Progress Report

The Commission considered a report from the Chair of the Environment Commission that set out the progress of the Sponsorship Topic Review. It was reported that a topic review meeting had been arranged with Colin Tunncliffe, sponsorship consultant on 11 April 2006, however Mr Tunncliffe was unable to attend.

Resolved

- 1. to meet on 13 June 2006 at 12pm to discuss potential sponsorship opportunities and to invite the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Direct Services**
- 2. to draft the recommendations at the same meeting of the Commission and consider the final report at the Commission's next scheduled meeting.**

08/06 Format '06 Photography Festival

The Commission received a presentation from Mike Brown – Arts Projects Co-ordinator – on the Format06 Photography Festival. The presentation formed the last part of the Commission's evidence gathering for the Review of Sponsorship for Arts Events. Mike introduced the Format'06 photography festival, which will be called *Trans/form*, the theme of which is photography's ability to record change; whilst as a medium, it is itself undergoing huge changes. The festival will run between 22 September and 22 October 2006.

Resolved

- 1. to thank Mike for his presentation.**
- 2. to consider the information when developing its draft recommendations on 13 June 2006.**

09/06 Standing Agenda Items

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services asking the Commission whether it wished to continue with the standing agenda items; Performance Eye and Retrospective Scrutiny as recommended by the Scrutiny Management Commission on 7 June 2005.

Resolved to continue to receive Performance Eye and Retrospective Scrutiny as standing items on the Commission's agenda for 2006/07.

10/06 Work Planning and Resources

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that requested that the Commission select the topic/s that it wished to review in order to develop the work plan for 2006/07.

It was suggested that the Commission members could email the coordination officer to propose possible topics or that the Commission could hold a special meeting to discuss possible topics in more detail.

Agreed to hold a special meeting to discuss the Commission's work plan before the next scheduled meeting of the Commission.

11/06 Overview and Scrutiny Training

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that requested that Members contact the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Team to arrange any training that they required.

It was reported that the training package could be delivered on a one-to-one or a small group basis and would include:

- getting started
- conducting reviews
- conducting scrutiny
- engaging the public
- selecting topics
- interviewing.

It was noted that the Chair of SMC had requested that training material be made available to Members on CD Rom.

Resolved to note the report.

12/06 Co-opting Individuals to the Commission

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services that informed Members that the Commission is able to co-opt non-voting members to the Commission with specific knowledge or expertise to support their work if it wishes.

Resolved to note the report.

13/06 Council Cabinet Forward Plan

The Commission noted that the June 2006 Forward Plan had not been updated to reflect the recent changes to the Council Cabinet Portfolios.

Resolved to consider the July Forward Plan at its work plan meeting ahead of the next scheduled meeting of the Commission.

14/06 Responses of the Council Cabinet/ Council Cabinet Members to any reports of the Commission

There were no items.

15/06 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet/Council Cabinet Members

There were no items.

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