

ITEM 4

Time commenced - 6.00pm
Time finished - 8.00pm

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION 1 APRIL 2008

Present: Councillor Ingall (In the Chair)
Councillors Grimadell and Rawson
Jane Temple – co opted member
Peter Robinson – co opted member

In attendance: Councillors Care, Chera and Lowe

65/07 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Afzal, Winter and Wood

66/07 Late Items

There were no late items.

67/07 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

68/07 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2008 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to noting that the current carbon reduction in 53/07 had declined by 1% and not 2% as predicted in the minute.

69/07 Call-in

There were no items

70/07 Performance Eye

The Commission considered the latest Performance Eye data. It was reported that there had been no requests for additional data on any of the indicators, and that information on BV199d would be provided with Item 12.

Resolved to note the update.

71/07 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items.

72/07 Update on the Travel Plan prior to launch in April 2007

The Commission received an update from Karen Jewell on the Travel Plan. It was reported that a staff travel survey had been completed with a 23% response rate, which had provided a very representative sample. The data from the survey was being analysed and would be reported through Derbynet to employees. The survey had indicated that staff would be interested in the bus and cycle schemes the Council planned to introduce, and the project was on target to launch on time.

Members questioned whether the Council provided enough cycle facilities for those who would like to take up the cycle offer. It was reported that this was one of the challenges that the project faced, but further research was being done to ensure that facilities were considered as part of the accommodation strategy ..

The Commission also questioned whether the bus companies would have enough capacity to carry the people who may wish to take up season tickets. It was acknowledged that this was a potential problem.

Resolved to note the update.

73/07 Progress Towards Carbon Reduction Targets.

The Commission received an update on the progress being made towards carbon reduction targets. It was reported that 90% of PCs were now being switched off overnight. The Commission felt this was a positive figure, but felt they would require more specific information on this, and the other ways in which IT improvements within the Council could help lower the carbon emissions.

It was reported that new staff had been recruited to work with the local schools to reduce their carbon footprint and work would begin after the Schools' Easter holidays.

The Commission welcomed the update and requested that where ever possible future project updates should include figures on the amount of carbon saved to keep the advances in perspective of the overall aims. It was noted that as this was a very new area of work for the Council it would be very difficult to get accurate information on the impact of measures as many projects were still getting off the ground.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the report**

- 2. to receive more technical information on IT's contribution to carbon reductions at a future meeting**
- 3. to receive a list of school's involved in carbon footprint work and a timetable of works with them**
- 4. to receive figures on the impact of projects introduced to cut carbon emissions where ever practicable**

74/07 Report on the Commission's review of:
1. Local Authority Best Practise in preparing Climate Change Action Programmes
2. The Application across the authority of the Council's Sustainable Procurement policy

The Commission received a report detailing the outcomes of the reviews undertaken by the Commission. The report was in two parts, firstly covering the action programmes and secondly reporting on the use of sustainable procurement across the Council. The recommendations in the report were fairly general because at the time of writing the Commission had not been aware of the content of the Climate Change Action Programme.

The Commission commended the review meetings that had been held, as it was felt that they provided useful positive and negative feedback on the work other Council's had done to tackle climate change. It was suggested that a visit to Kirklees City Council could be considered to get further insight into best practise for Climate Change action. It was reported that no feedback about implementation of the policies had been received from the Climate Change Board and it was agreed that this should be referred to Cabinet.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the report**
- 2. to refer the report to Cabinet for a response on the recommendations**

75/07 Water and the City Council

Peter Robinson, co-opted member, spoke to the Commission about the need for the Council to look at water use in the City. It was reported that water companies use more energy than any other business because of the need to transport water. It was noted that it was very difficult to meter and audit the water used in an organisation, but it was felt that it was important to maintain the connection between water use and Climate Change. It was noted that the Government had recently produced a 'Water Strategy and the Commission were encouraged to look at this before deciding on a specific course of action on this topic..

Resolved:

- 1. to note report**
- 2. to receive a presentation on water to a future meeting**

76/07 Fly Tipping investigation and enforcement

The Commission received an update from the Chair on time spent with the fly tipping enforcement team in Normanton. It was reported that 250 tonnes of waste were thrown out per day in Derby, and the fly tipping team attempted to find evidence in the dumped rubbish to try and track down those responsible for fly tipping. It was noted that some fly tipping may occur because of difficulties in understanding directions on how to dispose of rubbish properly.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the update and commend the members of the fly tipping team for their hard work and dedication**
- 2. for other members of the Commission to consider spending some time with the team**

77/07 Climate Change Commission Work Plan

The Commission considered suggestions for the work plan for the forthcoming municipal year. It was felt that the Commission should concentrate on areas where they could add value to the Council's priorities with their work. It was agreed that the meeting had highlighted some additional areas where work could add value, and further consideration would be needed before confirming a workplan for the next year.

Resolved to hold an informal meeting on 17 April 2008 to discuss the workplan.

78/07 Council Cabinet Forward Plan.

The Forward Plan had only one item for the Commission, on the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy. The Commission had already received a report on this item.

79/07 Response of the Council Cabinet to any reports of the Commission

The Commission considered the Cabinet response to the budget recommendations.

Resolved to note the report

80/07 Matters referred to the Commission from the Council Cabinet

There were no items.

MINUTES END