

Time commenced - 4.30pm  
Time finished - 6.30pm

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION  
16 JUNE 2009

Present: Councillor Ingall (Chair)  
Councillors Banwait, Chera, Keane, Shanker, Tuplin and  
Webb

In attendance: Councillor Troup

01/09 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Hird.

02/09 Late Items to be introduced by the Chair

Councillor Ingall on behalf of the Commission expressed his thanks to Councillors Williams and Shanker for their duties as Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission during the last municipal year.

Members were invited to attend a visit to Professor Marmont's renewable energy farm in Loughborough on 1 July. Any interested members were asked to contact Laura Follows, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination Officer to arrange attendance.

Councillor Ingall reported that at the last meeting the Commission agreed that they would like to meet with the Assistant Directors who had taken responsibility for climate change actions within their departments. The meetings would be aimed at highlighting and resolving the problems and barriers that departments were facing in tackling climate change issues in house. It was suggested that a good way to do this might be through a competition between the different directorates to see how energy usage could be reduced, and which directorate was the most successful. There would be a special meeting of the Commission on Thursday 8 October to have the first meeting with the Assistant Directors. It was suggested that this might focus on energy usage in buildings and finding permanent ways for departments to reduce this. It was noted that there were a few logistics that would need working out, for example many buildings were split between directorates and season changes could cause more energy use, but the Commission felt it was worth pursuing and would address this in the work programme for this municipal year.

03/09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 04/09 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2009 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 05/09 Call-In

There were no items were identified for call-in, but the Members of the Commission were reminded of the revised protocol agreed by Full Council.

#### 06/09 Councillor Call for Action

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on 'Councillor Call for Action'. The Councillor Call for Action (CCfA) came into force on 1 April 2009. The legislation gave new powers to ward councillors to have local issues considered at a relevant scrutiny commission meeting. A draft protocol was agreed by SMC on 28 April 2009, and the final protocol was approved by Full Council on 20 May 2009.

**Resolved for members to note the new Councillor Call for Action protocol.**

#### 07/09 Co-opted Members

The Commission received a verbal report from Laura Follows, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator on the Commission's co-opted members. It was suggested that as the number of Members on commissions overall had been reduced the Commission might want to consider reducing the number of co-opted members down to two.

The Commission felt that that nature of their portfolio meant that they were tackling issues that affected whole community in Derby so was appropriate to have large public engagement. It was felt that there had been great value from the co-optees last year and so it was agreed to co-opt all three again.

**Resolved to recommend Full Council to co-opt Peter Robinson, Jeremy Fisk and Bob Hewins to the Climate Change Commission.**

### Items for Discussion

#### 08/09 School Competition

The Commission judged the final of the Climate Change competition, which ran during March and April 2009. The finalists were invited to the meeting to present their entries to the Commission and the invited judges. Eight entries were received in total – six from Walter Evans Primary School, one from Ravensdale Junior School and one from Lees Brook Comprehensive School. The Commission felt that as all entries were so good they were all invited to be finalists. The entries were available for members to view prior to the meeting.

The three finalists each pitched ideas to the judges who included Dr Andy Johnson from the University of Derby and officers from the Climate Change unit. Each team presented to the judges on a theme of how to improve their local environment. Members noted that there was a great range of inspirational ideas produced by the teams and after much deliberation the judges decided that all of the ideas presented were so good that the only solution would be to split the prize money equally between each of the teams.

Members were pleased with how the competition had gone, and felt that there was scope for future competitions to be held. It was noted that this competition had been inspired by money donated from Derby Cityscape and this would have to be taken into consideration when planning future events. Members agreed that as there was cross party support for climate change a representative on the Commission from each party would ask their political party to provide prize money for future events

#### **Resolved;**

- **to award the prizes in the schools competition;**
- **for members to approach their groups to see if could raise prize money for future competitions.**

#### 09/09      Round table discussion with Young People

Members of the Commission talked to all the finalists to get views on climate change. It was agreed by all as something that needed everyone to work together, and members of the commission agreed that they may pay visits to schools later on in the year to see how projects were coming along following the competition.

#### 10/09      Performance Eye

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on Performance Eye. The Commission discussed the latest performance eye data information that was available. Members raised concerns as to how the information was compiled and whether this was the best way to provide the information. Members requested that training be provided for Commission members on the system. It was reported that there

was a new performance system expected to be in place soon and it was suggested that the Commission wait until then for training.

**Resolved to note the report and receive training on the new performance management system as and when available.**

#### 11/09 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items identified.

#### 12/09 Scrutiny Structure

The Commission considered a report from the Director of Corporate and Adult Services on Scrutiny Structure. The effectiveness of the scrutiny of local partnerships and the Council's LAA would be part of the Audit Commission's investigations when the new Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) inspection regime for local authorities comes into effect. It was therefore important that Derby had a scrutiny structure that enabled it to conduct effective scrutiny of its partners and of their delivery of LAA targets. During the 2008/09 municipal year the Commission had used its cross commission membership to ensure that the relevant climate change issues were being highlighted with partner organisations, and it was agreed to continue this during 2009/10.

**Resolved to agree the proposed structure.**

#### 13/09 Climate Change Commission Work Programme

The Chair reported that he had been invited by the chair of the Climate Change Board to attend Board meetings. This was to help with the ongoing dialogue between the Commission and the Board. The Commission were informed that the Climate Change Board had been invited to put forward a list of suggestions for the work programme. It was noted that the Climate Change Board Strategy would be an item for the next meeting of the Commission.

Members requested that Buildings Schools for the Future be considered as a future item on the work programme to see how environmentally friendly the project was going to be.

**Resolved;**

- 1. to receive suggestions from the Climate Change Board for work programme items;**
- 2. for Members to contact Laura Follows with suggestions for work programme items**
- 3. to include Building Schools for the Future on the work programme suggestions.**

14/09 Forward Plan

There were no items identified.

15/09 Hydro Plant Update

The Commission received an update from Tim Findlay on the Longbridge Weir Hydro. It was noted that the plant was believed to be within four to six weeks of being awarded a transfer license, and it was hoped that the project could be on site next year, with an expected completion date of Autumn 2010.

16/09 Response of the Council and Council Cabinet to recommendations of the Commission

There were no items.

17/09 Matters referred to the Commission by Council Cabinet

There were no items.

18/09 Matters referred to the Commission by the Scrutiny Management Commission

There were no items.

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