

18 September 2006

Dear Councillor

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Environment Committee will be held in the Committee Room at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, on Tuesday 26 September 2006 at 7.45 pm or at the conclusion of the question and answer session whichever is the earlier.

Yours faithfully

ALASDAIR BOVAIRD

Chief Executive

Commencing at 7.30 pm, there will be an opportunity of up to 15 minutes for members of the public to ask questions and make statements, subject to having given two working days prior notice.

A G E N D A P A R T I

- 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2006 (previously circulated)
- 3 Business arising
- 4 **Gold Enterprise Zone, Elsenham**

Item for decision

This report gives advice on the current situation regarding lettings and empty units at the Gold Enterprise Zone, up to 31 August 2006.

5 **Parking Charges Review**

Item for decision

This report gives details of the recommendations referred from the Decriminalisation Task Group with regard to car parking tariffs and options for charging methods. It also asks the Committee to agree policy decisions in terms of parking services for Uttlesford.

6 **Establishment of West Anglia Routes Group**

Item for decision

This report is about a proposal by the North London Strategic Alliance (NLSA) to establish a West Anglia Routes Group, which would seek timely upgrades to the West Anglia rail corridor to enhance capacity, improve reliability and promote growth for the benefit of all those who live and work in the London-Stansted-Cambridge-Peterborough Corridor. This Council is invited to Associate Membership of the Group, incurring an estimated fee of £1,250 per annum to cover the Group's running costs and activities.

7 **Uttlesford Transport Forum**

Item for information

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 July 2006 are attached for information.

8 **Street Lighting**

Item for decision

This report advises Members of the views of Members of Area Panels in relation to the decision taken by the Essex County Council Cabinet Member of Highways and Transportation – Councillor Rodney Bass – with regard to the proposal to switch off street lighting in the District. In addition, it provides Members with details of the exemptions to switching off lights and seeks Members views on the exemption criteria.

9 **Dog Control Orders**

Item for decision

A report asks Members for their views on introducing Dog Control Orders to replace the existing Byelaws which are scheduled to be repealed, and makes a number of suggestions.

10 **Christmas and New Year Refuse Collections**

Item for decision

This report outlines the options available to achieve waste collections over the holiday period and sets out the recommendation of the Waste Project Team.

11 Fuel Pumps at Depots

Item for decision

This report advises members of the need to replace the fuel pumps at the Shire Hill Saffron Walden and Dunmow Depots.

12 Recycling Implementation Update 2

Item for decision

This report summarises the Recycling Project and updates members on its progress. It notes the work of the member/officer Waste Project Team.

13 Audit Commission Inspection of Waste and Street Scene

Item for decision

This report advises members of the outcome of the Audit Commission inspection of waste and street scene.

14 Budgetary Control Report 2006/07

Item for information

This report provides details of the committees spending and income compared to budget for the period 1st April to 31st July 2006

15 General Fund Budget 2007/08

Item for decision

This report provides the starting point for preparation of the Committee's 2007/08 General Fund budget by looking at new spending pressures against the background of the Council's likely overall financial position. The Committee is asked for an early indication about spending pressures which are considered worthwhile including in formal budget consultation with the public.

16 Supplementary Planning Documents – Replacement Dwellings

Item for decision

This report presents the Replacement Dwellings - Supplementary Planning Document with the changes proposed following consultation

17 **Budget for a Sustainable Council**

Item for decision

The report advises of the Council's Corporate Plan commitment to developing an action plan to promote sustainable organisational practice. It is proposed to use the Planning Delivery Grant for this purpose for the remainder of this financial year, and to bid for a budget in the next financial year and beyond.

18 Any Other Business, which the Chairman considers to be urgent.

To: - Councillors E C Abrahams, K R Artus, C A Cant, J F Cheetham, A Dean, C M Dean, C D Down, S Flack, E J Godwin, B M Hughes, V Pedder, E Tealby-Watson, **A R Thawley** and A M Wattebot

Lead Officer: John Mitchell
Committee Officer: Victoria Harvey

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