

15 January 2007

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 23 January 2007 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 7 November 2006 (previously circulated).
- 3 Business arising.
- 4 Lead Officer's Report.

Item for information

This is a general report by the Lead Officer on information items and developments since the last meeting that are not on this agenda

- 5 Enforcement within Street Services for Environmental Crime.

Item for decision

This report advises members of the need to establish a policy and strategy to deal with Enforcement of Environmental Crime.

6 Capital Programme 2007/08 to 2009/10 (to follow).

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8 Review of Fees and Charges.

Item for decision

This report advises members that a review of fees and charges appropriate to this committee is now due for 2007/8 and the proposed revised charges are attached to this report. The charges include Septic Tank/Cesspool emptying and Trade waste.

9 Car Park Machines and Payment Methods.

Item for decision

This report seeks agreement to the recommendation of the Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement Task Group for the implementation of a rolling replacement programme for the existing Pay & Display ticket machines.

10 Gold Enterprise Zone, Elsenham.

Item for Information

This report advises the Committee of the current situation regarding lettings and empty industrial units at the Gold Enterprise Zone, Elsenham up to 31 January 2007.

11 Detailed Assessments of Air Quality.

Item for decision

This report draws Members' attention to a Detailed Assessment of Air Quality in Saffron Walden which concludes that annual mean levels of Nitrogen Dioxide are above the National Objective in three 'hotspots' and recommends that the Council starts the process of declaring an Air Quality Management Area or Areas, and consults widely on the precise boundary of the Area(s).

12 Waste Collection from Community Premises.

Item for decision

This report advises members of the need to set an equitable structure for the charging of waste collection from community premises.

13 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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