

8 March 2010

Dear Councillor

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Environment Committee will be held at the Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden, on Tuesday 16 March 2010 at 7.45pm, or at the conclusion of the question and answer session, whichever is the earlier.

Yours faithfully

JOHN MITCHELL

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 PART I

- 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 19 January 2010 (attached)
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Chairman's items
- 5 **Lead Officer's Report**

This report updates the Committee on matters that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda

- 6 **Minutes of the Waste Project Team**

The Committee will receive an update on waste issues.

- 7 **Building Control Partnership**

This report invites the Committee to note the work that has commenced with a view to confirming that a partnership with up to two neighbouring councils would be viable, and if so, the development of a business case.

8 C02 Emissions Scenarios

This report advises the Committee on progress towards reducing the Council's carbon footprint.

9 Natural Resources Management Strategy

This report recommends that the Council adopt a strategy to minimise the use of natural resources, and its related action plan

10 Staff Resources Succession Planning for Climate Change, Energy Efficiency and Fuel Poverty Work

This report briefs Members on the preferred option to ensure that these Council priorities will be matched by appropriate staff resource.

11 Claypits Plantation

A decision is needed on how to address the unauthorised construction and use of a BMX track taking place in this piece of woodland.

12 Stebbing Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan

This report recommends that the Appraisal and Management Plan be approved.

13 Conservation Area Appraisal Management proposals

This report advises the Committee on the extent to which the proposals have been implemented.

14 Birchanger Wood

A request has been received from the Management Trust for a financial contribution towards urgent works required to trees bordering the A120 in the interests of highway safety.

15 Greater Anglia Franchise Consultation

The Committee is requested to put forward its views on the DfT's Greater Anglia Franchise consultation.

16 Any other items that the Chairman considers to be urgent.

To: - Councillors K R Artus, H J Asker, **S Barker**, C A Cant, R Chamberlain, J F Cheetham, C M Dean, C D Down, E J Godwin, E J Hicks, S J Howell, , R D Sherer, C C Smith, A M Wattebot and A C Yarwood.

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