

24 August 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 4 September 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 PART I

- 1 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2007 (attached)
- 3 Lead Officers Report (15 Minutes)
 - (i) A position statement on Economic Development
 - (ii) A position statement on parking
 - (iii) A position statement on planning policy for renewable energy

Item to note

- 4 Local Development Framework (1 hour)

Item for decision

Members are to decide the Council's preferred option for growth which will be the subject of further consultation.

5 Parking Enforcement Policy (20 minutes)

Item for decision

Member's views are sought on the robust enforcement policy through which all enforcement activities can be justified.

6 Flooding at Ashdon (15 minutes)

Items for decision

Member's views are requested on the flood event in Ashdon on 14 June 2007 and the proposal to undertake further investigations into alleviation measures.

7 Swan Meadow Pond (10 minutes)

Items for decision

Members have the opportunity to adjust the configuration of Swan Meadow Pond to make it equally attractive in both wet and dry conditions.

8 Any other items, which the Chairman considers to be urgent

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

Lead Officer: John Mitchell
Committee Officer: Ellen OMalley

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510434 or Peter Snow on 01799 510431 or by fax on 01799 510550.

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