

TRAFFIC, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY PANEL

MINUTES OF A MEETING of the Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel held on Tuesday 20 December 2011 at 4.00 pm in Conference Room K, Civic Offices, Portsmouth.

(NB These minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting which can be found at www.portsmouth.gov.uk.)

Present

Councillor Caroline Scott (Chair)
Councillor Robert New

30 Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Margaret Foster and Councillor John Ireland.

It was noted that former Councillor Mike Blake had not been replaced as a member of this Panel and that Councillor Ireland had sent apologies for meetings of this panel for the rest of the municipal year. It was agreed that the Group Leaders would be asked if other members would be appointed to this panel in place of Councillor Ireland and former Councillor Blake.

31 Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

Councillor Caroline Scott declared a personal non prejudicial code of conduct interest in that many years ago she worked for Southern Water.

32 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2011 (AI 3)

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel held on 8 November 2011 be confirmed and signed by the chair as a correct record.

33 Review into how the Council responds to the Issues of Surface Water Flooding in the City – to include a plan that outlines the actions PCC would take in the event of extreme flooding from surface water in the city (AI 4)

The chair of the panel, Councillor Caroline Scott, explained that the formal meeting would consider the part of the Traffic and Environment Service Response document (TES) relating to surface water flooding that had been discussed at the informal meeting of the scrutiny panel on 29 November 2011. The Panel would then discuss any other issues members wished to raise and then the meeting would continue in informal session to consider the draft report.

The Panel formally endorsed the changes to the TES response document relating to surface water flooding as set out in the attached Appendix to these minutes as agreed at the informal meeting on 29 November 2011.

Members asked that Mr Stuart Campbell, the arboriculture officer be invited to attend the next formal meeting of the panel to give evidence on how tree planting might assist in alleviating surface water flooding.

Members agreed that their scrutiny report should have a glossary of terms but not an Executive Summary.

34 Date of Next Meeting (AI 5)

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17 January 2012 at 4.00 pm in Conference Room H.

The formal meeting ended at 4.45pm.

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