

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14TH JUNE 2006

Present: Cllrs Mrs A Bradshaw (Chair); Mrs E Eastwood (Deputy Chair); B Dixon; Mrs J Johnston; J Park; W Southward.

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs Margaret Barnes

Officers: Mr Vic Emmerson, Environmental Health Manager;
Ms J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2006 were signed by the Chair as a correct record.

OSC-EN121 Environment Agency

In the course of a presentation, Adam LARBALÉSTIER made the following points on fly-tipping:

- Fly-tipping is a growing problem and illustrates public apathy to waste management.
- The national figure of the cost of clearing up fly-tipping is £100 per minute. The problem is likely to get worse before it gets better.
- An overlap in responsibilities for prevention, investigation and enforcement led to a Defra strategy for fly-tipping.

Mr LARBALÉSTIER continued to illustrate the respective responsibilities for fly-tipping, which are attached at appendix 1 to these minutes.

In response to questioning, Members received assurance that the both relationship and the communication between the Environment Agency and the Council were working well.

RESOLVED: that the briefing be noted.

With respect to the Rhodia Site in Whitehaven, Mr Stephen Hardy, explained to Members that the Environment Agency had responsibility for monitoring and enforcing legislation with respect to the landfill sites and the discharge into the sea. As part of the clean-up of the contaminated land on the site, Rhodia had a duty to submit a strategy to the Environment Agency which was expected in October, which would then be reviewed to ensure that what they are proposing is safe.

RESOLVED: that the briefing be noted.

OSC-EN122 Enforcement Policy

Members received, noted and complimented the policy.

OSC-EN123 Forward Plan

The Forward Plan of key decisions to be taken by the Executive was received and noted.

OSC-EN124 Work Plan

Members noted that the Chairs and Vice Chairs had met at the end of May – after the annual general meeting - to discuss the work plan for 2006-07 and that an updated version of the plan would be available shortly. In the interim, it was proposed to explore various health/green spaces/play issues joint with social well-being for which a joint sub-group would be set up.

RESOVLED: that Councillor Francis McPhillips and , Eileen Eastwood be appointed from this Committee to the sub-group.

The meeting closed at 3.30pm.

CHAIR:.....

DATE:.....