

Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee

3 March 2021 – At a virtual meeting of the Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee held at 10.30 am.

Present: Cllr Barrett-Miles (Chairman)

Cllr S Oakley, arrived at 12.05pm, left at 12.35pm	Cllr McDonald Cllr Montyn	Cllr Waight Cllr Walsh
Cllr Baldwin	Cllr R Oakley	
Cllr Barnard	Cllr Quinn	
Cllr Brunsdon		

Apologies were received from Cllr Oppler

Also in attendance: Cllr Urquhart

Part I

46. Declarations of Interest

46.1 In accordance with the Code of Conduct the following interests were declared:

Cllr S Oakley declared a personal interest in item 5 as a member of Chichester District Council.

47. Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee

47.1 Resolved – that the minutes of the Committee held on 11 January 2021 be approved as a correct record, and that they be signed by the Chairman.

48. Urgent Matters

48.1 Cllr Brunsdon raised the issue of the agreement from Cllr Lanzer to roll over of night flights at Gatwick Airport and asked why this matter had not been brought to the Committee.

48.2 The Chairman confirmed that this had been raised at the previous meeting and that there had been an understanding that Cllr Brunsdon had been asked to lead on this issue with an informal Task and Finish Group and that the relevant officer would be in contact.

48.3 Cllr Brunsdon stated that no contact had been made to date.

48.4 It was subsequently confirmed that officers had written to Cllr Brunsdon, and the message was re-sent while the meeting was in session.

49. Responses to Recommendations

- 49.1 The Committee noted the response to recommendations made at the 11 January meeting from the Cabinet Member for Environment.
- 49.2 The Chairman confirmed to the Committee that the recommendation it made regarding an additional Key Performance Indicator on Killed and Seriously Injured had been agreed.

50. Household Waste Recycling Site (HWRS) Booking System

- 50.1 The Committee considered a report by the Director of Environment and Public Protection (copy appended to the signed minutes).
- 50.2 The report was introduced by the Cabinet Member for Environment.
- 50.3 Steve Read, Director of Environment and Public Protection and Gareth Rollings, Commissioning and Infrastructure Manager gave a presentation (copy appended to the signed minutes), which gave more details.
- 50.4 The Committee made a number of comments, including those that follow:
- Stated that the frequent changes and proposed changes around waste disposal arrangements had caused confusion to residents. Questioned also how planning for increased demand arising from new housing developments had been undertaken.
 - Asked if the number of days that some sites are open could be reviewed.
 - Questioned whether one visit during a seven-day period would be sufficient for average households.
 - Feedback had been positive from residents living in other parts of the country where similar schemes had been introduced.
 - Asked if the Worthing site could be included in the pilot.
 - Asked that the levels of fly tipping are monitored.
 - Requested that this issue comes back to the Committee at the end of the six-month trial.

Resolved – That the Committee

1. Supports the trial but with a few concerns.
2. Supports the communications package.
3. Recognises that the public will have the chance to input during the trial period.

4. Would like Worthing to be included in the trial so requested that the Cabinet Member speak to the other local County Councillors. If agreed, then to be added to recommendation 1.
5. Fly tipping is a concern and the Committee asks that the district and borough councils keep us informed of any increases in the number of incidents, as part of the trial.
6. Ask that site managers show some flexibility, particularly at the start of the trial, to those who haven't booked.
7. At the end of the trial the Committee would like to have this brought back, regardless of whether the decision is to abandon the booking scheme, or to extend it. This should be added to the Decision Report as a third recommendation.
8. In recommendation 2 please add local members to those being consulted. In addition, add "during the six-month period" at the end of recommendation 2.
9. When the booking system is reviewed as in new recommendation 3 it should, if possible, include the longer-term waste strategy, including a review of the opening hours/days of our waste sites.

Cllr Quinn stated that he could not support this due to the lack of consultation and hopes that it will just be a trial.

51. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

51.1 The Committee considered the Forward Plan dated 1 March 2021 (a copy appended to the signed minutes).

Resolved – That the Forward Plan be noted.

52. Possible Items for Future Scrutiny

52.1 A suggestion was made and supported that an item is added to the work programme regarding the Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 funds and how the County Council works with the district and borough councils.

53. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 9 June 2021 at 10.30am.

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by 27 May 2021.

The meeting ended at 12.42 pm

Chairman