

Eden District Council

Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Minutes

Date: 2 July 2015 Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penrith
Time: 6.45 pm

Present:

Chairman: Councillor M Smith

Councillors: A Armstrong V Taylor
Miss P Breen M Tonkin
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Standing Deputies: Councillor Mrs E Martin
Councillor J Tompkins

Officers Present: Samantha Bagshaw – Member Services Officer

Democratic Services Officer: John Greenbank

EEc/1/07/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Holden, Councillor John Tompkins attended as a substitute and Councillor V Kendall, Councillor E Martin attended as a substitute and Councillor S Jackson and Councillor A Hogg.

EEc/2/07/15 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Nominated by Councillor J Tompkins
Seconded by Councillor P Breen

that Councillor V Taylor be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Housing and Communities Scrutiny Committee for the 2015-2016 municipal year.

EEc/3/07/15 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

EEc/4/07/15 Scrutiny Review Work Programme 2015-2016

Members considered the Scrutiny Review Programme 2015-2016. The list of reviews had been agreed by the Scrutiny Coordinating Board following a workshop on 4 June 2015.

Members were informed that only one review from the Work Programme would be conducted under the Committee's remit; Future delivery of services: Review of the blue collar contracts.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Review Programme 2015-2016 be noted.

EEc/5/07/15 Scrutiny Committee Work Plan

Members considered topics for the Committee's Work Plan 2015-2016. A list of potential briefing topics had been provided as part of the agenda.

The Scrutiny Officer also invited Members to consider additional topics that could be added to the Work Plan at a later date.

Members were informed that the potential briefing topics were;

1. Littering in Eden
2. Fly-Tipping and Rubbish Clearing
3. Business Rates

Following discussion of the briefing topics Members recommended that the scope for the briefing on Business Rates be expanded to cover the formula used in there calculation.

RESOLVED that the following briefing topics to the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee be agreed:

1. Littering in Eden
2. Fly-Tipping and Rubbish Clearing
3. Business Rates, including the formula used to calculate them.

EEc/6/07/15 Any Other Items which the Chairman decides are urgent

The Chairman informed Members that a Centre for Public Scrutiny training event would be taking place on Monday 6 July 2015. Two session were available at 10.00am and 2.00pm. All non-executive Members were encouraged to attend.

It was also announced by the Chairman that Sam Bagshaw, Member Services Officer, would be leaving the Council on 8 July 2015 to take up a post elsewhere and thanked her for the hard work she had undertaken on behalf of the Committee.

EEc/7/07/15 Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting

15 October 2015

The meeting closed at 7.33 pm

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