

Eden District Council

Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Minutes

Date: 8 February 2018 Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penrith Time: 6.45 pm

Present:

Chairman: Councillor I Chambers

Councillors:	A Armstrong	M Rudhall
	K Greenwood	L Sharp
	S Jackson	M Temple
	T C Ladhams	J G Thompson

Officers Present: Neil Buck, Contracts Manager Team Leader

Others Present: Councillor Michael Slee, Commercial Services Portfolio Holder

Democratic Services Officer: John Greenbank, Member Services Officer

EEc/28/02/18 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence received for this meeting.

EEc/29/02/18 Election of Vice-Chairman

Nominations were sought for the Vice Chairman of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2017-2018 municipal year.

Proposed by Councillor Armstrong
Seconded by Councillor Temple

That Councillor Thompson be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2017-2018 municipal year.

Proposed by Councillor Rudhall
Seconded by Councillor Sharp

That Councillor Greenwood be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2017-2018 municipal year.

A vote was therefore held and it was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Thompson be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2017-2018 municipal year.

EEc/30/02/18 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes EEc/18/12/17 to EEc/27/12/17 of the meeting of this Committee held on 14 December 2018 be recorded as a correct record of those proceedings.

EEc/31/02/18 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Sharp gave a personal explanation in respect of item 7 on the agenda as she had been asked to become a Director of the Alston Moor Partnership.

EEc/32/02/18 Portfolio Holder Update

The Committee received a verbal update from, Councillor Slee, the Commercial Services Portfolio Holder, on the progress against actions outlined in their portfolio plan.

Councillor Slee updated Members on the following points:

- Progress on commercial opportunities. The Portfolio holder updated Members that work was ongoing to explore opportunities that would provide at least a 3% return for the Council.
- The Annual Delivery Plan. Members were informed that a report would be going to the March meeting of Council regarding the plan.
- Development of the Old London Road Depot. Members were informed that work was ongoing to make the site more suitable for Amey and that discussion were ongoing regarding access to the site.
- Local Development Orders. The Portfolio Holder updated Members on the granting of the Orders in the District at Newton Rigg, Eden Industrial Estate and Appleby Creamery. It was hoped that the order by reducing planning restrictions would encourage food and farming businesses within Eden.
- The Newton Rigg Master Plan. Officer had met with the College concerning the supporting of improvements to student accommodation at the site. The possibility of using the site for holiday lets was also being considered. The Borderlands Project was also discussed with the aim of attracting agri-tech businesses to the site.
- The Leisure Services Contract. Members were updated that the Council was considering its options for the future of leisure services ahead of the end of the contract in 2022.
- The Business Support Fund. The Portfolio Holder updated Members on the work of the fund, which was successfully generating 10% return on loans for the Council.
- The Apprenticeship Scheme. Members were informed that the Council was looking for new accreditation for the scheme.
- Regeneration of the High Mill Site, Alston. The Portfolio Holder reported that a report would be brought before Council outlining options for the site.
- Appleby Heritage Action Zone. The Portfolio Holder informed Members that a project plan had been submitted to Historic England. Members were also informed that the complete renovation of the railings at St Lawrence's Church had been agreed with the Council contributing £20,000 towards the overall cost.
- Business Improvement Districts (BID). Members were updated that the term of the Penrith Town Centre BID had been extended following a ballot of businesses. The

Portfolio Holder also updated Members that an vote was being arranged to create a BID for the Eden Industrial Estate.

- Business Support. Membered were informed that funding had been agreed with the Chamber of Commerce to support business in Eden.

RESOLVED to note the update.

EEc/33/02/18 Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board Update

The Committee received a verbal update from the Chairman of the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED that the update be noted.

EEc/34/02/18 Review of Waste and Recycling Collection Services as Part of a Cumbria Consistency Project

Members considered report TES5/18 from the Deputy Director Technical Services which reported the work undertaken on the review of the waste and recycling collection services

Members discussed the proposed changes to the waste and recycling collection services with the Contracts Manager including the frequency of collections across the District.

RESOLVED that:

1. the contents of the report are noted; and
2. a further report be brought back to the committee following completion of the review.

EEc/35/02/18 Environment & Economy Committee Work Plan

Members consider report G14/18 from the Chairman of the Environment and Economy Committee which set out the current and possible future work plan items for the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee. The report invited suggestions for possible agenda items from all non-Executive Members.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

EEc/36/02/18 Any Other Items which the Chairman decides are urgent

There were no items of urgent business raised at this meeting.

EEc/37/02/18 Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting

The date of the next scheduled meeting of the Committee was confirmed as 26 April 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm

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