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Minutes

Meeting of : Environment and Climate Committee
Date : 11 December 2023
Meeting held in : The Guildhall, Salisbury
Commencing at : 6.30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr J Wells Vice Chair: A Riddle

Cllrs: S Charleston, C Corbin, C Hibbert, S Hocking, J Nettle and C Stanway

Also present: Cllr J King

Officers: Joanna Wood, Marc Read and Janine Whitty

100. Apologies:

- 100.1. Cllr V Charleston gave her apologies and was substituted by Cllr S Charleston.
- 100.2. Cllr A Hoque gave his apologies and was substituted by Cllr J Nettle
- 100.3. Cllr J Bolwell gave her apologies and was substituted by Cllr C Corbin.

101. Public Questions/Statement Time:

- 101.1. A public question was read by Ms Wise. The full question can be found at the end of these minutes. The Chairman provided feedback regarding the work he has been carrying out with leaflets to schools regarding no idling. Cllr S Hocking who is the Air Quality Management Chairman for Wiltshire Council provided an update also.

102. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted by Councillors

103. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of E&C Committee held on 9 October 2023 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

104. Declarations of Interest:

There were no declarations of interest.

105. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

106. Chairman's Announcements:

Chairman has no announcements

107. River Park Project Update:

The Committee received a verbal update and presentation from Andy Wallis. A copy of this presentation can be found [here](#). The committee thanked Mr Wallis for his work and the update. The committee also asked some questions, and it was:

Resolved to:

107.1. Note the presentation.

108. Environmental Services Update:

The Committee received an update from Marc Reed, Environmental Services Manager, including service updates for Streetscene, Venture Security, Facilities, CCTV, Crematorium & Cemeteries, and Parks. The presentation and various stats can be found [here](#). The committee thanked Marc for the update and asked questions. Cllr S Hocking expressed his concerns that Venture Security are not in next year's budget, and it was:

Resolved to:

108.1. Note the update.

109. Environmental Policy Action Plan:

Marc Read, Environmental Services Manager provided an Environmental Policy Action Plan update. The EPAP update can be found [here](#). The Chairman also provided a further air quality update, and it was:

Resolved to:

109.1. Note the update.

110. Weed Control:

The Committee received a report from Marc Read, Environmental Services Manager, to consider options regarding weed control in 2024/25. There were questions regarding the options presented and regarding the unknown final costs for the use of non-glyphosate products.

Therefore, there was further discussion regarding whether to defer the committees decision allowing the officer to investigate costs further. Once the officer has more information regarding these costs then more accurate figures will be provided to the Administration for budget settings for 2024/25. At the next Environment and Climate committee members could then further discuss how to action this work within the budget provided. Therefore it was:

Resolved to:

110.1. Amend the recommendation to defer the decision until the next meeting of Environment and Climate committee until non – Glyphosate costs have been established.

Proposed by: Cllr C Corbin

Seconded by: Cllr J Nettle

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**.

111. Tree Policy:

The Environmental Services Manager, Marc Read requested that the committee agree the policy. Following some discussion, it was:

Resolved to:

111.1. Agree Tree Policy V5.

111.2. The policy to be reviewed every two years.

Proposed by: Cllr S Charleston

Seconded by: Cllr J Nettle

A vote was taken and accordingly was **carried**.

112. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman decides should be discussed as a matter of urgency for information only. Please note that the Council cannot lawfully consider or determine any matter which is not specified on the Agenda of this summons.

There were 3 members of the public, 0 member of the press present.

The meeting closed at 8:21pm.

Public Question – Mrs Wise

I've noticed on many occasions, motorists parked up on roads all around Salisbury, leaving their engines idling. It seems that a large number of motorists are unaware of rule 123 of the Highway Code, which states that car engines must not be left to idle in parked cars for longer than a couple of minutes.

The impact of this practice on air pollution levels is a great concern to me, especially as an estimated 40,000 deaths are caused by air pollution every year in the UK.

Please could the council consider informing the general public about this rule and possibly enforcing it ?

Thank you very much.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wise