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Minutes

Meeting of : Environment and Climate Committee
Date : 14 October 2024
Meeting held in : The Friary Centre, Salisbury
Commencing at : 6.30pm

Present:

Chair: Cllr J Wells Vice Chair: A Riddle

Cllrs: J Bolwell, S Charleston, C Hibbert, J Nettle C Stanway and S Rideout

Officers: Asa Thorpe, Marc Read and Andrew Hunt

1. Apologies:

Cllr J Nettle substituted for Cllr S Hocking
Apologies were received from Cllr P. Sample.

2. Public Questions/Statement Time:

No questions or statements were submitted by the public

3. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

No questions or statements were submitted by Councillors.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of Environment and Climate Committee held on 14 October 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. **Declarations of Interest:**

No declarations

6. **Dispensations:**

No dispensations were requested.

7. **Chairman's Announcements:**

Item 10 was moved to the beginning of the meeting

8. **Environmental Services Update:**

The Head of Environment Services, Marc Read, provided a verbal update on the work provided by the Environment Services Team covering the departments of Streetscene, Estates, CCTV, and the Crematorium and Cemeteries. It was;

Resolved that:

8.1. Noted the verbal update.

9. **Travel Action Plan**

The Head of the Environmental Services present the travel action plan to the committee, the council discussed and it was:

Resolved that:

9.1. Approve the Travel Action Plan that accompanies this paper

Proposed by: Cllr S Charleston

Seconded by: Cllr J Wells

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

10. **Weed Control 2025/26 Option Paper**

The Head of Environmental Services provided an update on the Weed Control 2025/26 Option Paper, highlighting key points from the document. Additionally, Ian Jarrard presented an update regarding the issues affecting the tennis court, specifically addressing concerns that moss may pose a risk of injury to members of the tennis club. Following this discussion, the committee deliberated on the matters raised and it was:

Resolved that:

10.1 To bring the weed/environmental policy to full council of the 4th November, for full review and discussion of fully detailed options on weed control to full use and partial use

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

11. Budget Monitoring Outturn Report for 2023/24

Marc Read, Head of environmental presented the Budget Monitoring Outturn Report for 2023/24 to the committee, comparing actual expenditure and income against that budgeted for the year, the committee asked questions and discussed and it was:

Resolved that:

11.1. The Committee notes the financial position at the end of the 2023/24 year and officers' explanations of the variances over £50,000

11.2. Acknowledging the Council's current financial position, officers will be supported to comply with Financial Regulations and where necessary pause services where finances have been exhausted in year.

12. Budget Monitoring Report for 2024/25 to the end of August

Marc Read, Head of Environmental, presented the 12. Budget Monitoring Report for 2024/25 to the end of August to the committee, comparing actual expenditure and income against that budgeted for April to August, the committee asked questions and discussed and it was:

Resolved that:

12.1. The Council reviews the investment strategy every three years.

12.2. The Council continues to support money market investments as part of its investment strategy, provided the RFO ensures all liquidity requirements are met.

12.3. The Council approves the amended investment strategy appended to this report.

13. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman, decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:

No matters were raised.

There were 1 members of the public and no members of the press present.

The meeting closed at 19:42pm