

ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21ST APRIL 2017

PRESENT: Councillor A.P. Cooper (Chair)

Councillors:

A. Davies, D.B. Davies, J.A. Davies, P.M. Edwards, I.J. Jackson, S.E. Thomas,
D.E. Williams, D.W.H. Richards and T.J. Jones

Councillor D.W.H. Richards substitute for Councillor A. James.

Also in attendance:

Councillor T.J. Jones, Executive Board Member for Environmental & Public Protection

The following Officers were in attendance:

R. Staines, Head of Housing and Public Protection
J. Owen, Democratic Services Officer

Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen - 10.00am - 10.30am

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D.C. Evans, A. James, W.G Thomas and H.A.L. Evans [Executive Board Member – Technical Services]

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor	Minute Item(s)	Nature of Interest
Cllr. D. Davies	6. To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 3 rd March 2017.	Chairman of Carmarthen Amateur Angling Association

3. DECLARATIONS OF PROHIBITED PARTY WHIPS

There were no declarations of prohibited party whips.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (NONE RECEIVED)

The Chair advised that no public questions had been received.

5. COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS PLAN 2017/20

The Committee considered the Communities Departmental Business Plan 2017-20 which provided Members with comprehensive overview of the Communities Departmental progress.

It was noted that whilst the plan enveloped the whole of the Departments' priorities, the Committee's role was to scrutinise the Public Protection elements.

The following issues were raised on those aspects of the report relating to Public Protection:

An observation was made in relation to page 3 of the plan which displayed a list of the current Executive Board Members. It was commented that to avoid misleading the public, the plan would need to be signed off by Members who would be elected in May. The Head of Public Protection & Housing clarified that the plan presented before the Committee today was a draft copy which would be updated accordingly following the Election process in May. Furthermore, following the new administration and election of Executive Board Members the Business Plan would be returned to the Committee once the priorities had been reconsidered.

An update was requested in relation to the implementation of the monitoring of shellfish in accordance with Welsh Government and FSA to ensure that they satisfy standards for commercial gathering. The Head of Public Protection & Housing stated that he was unable to provide a detailed update at this time, however, an update on this matter would be circulated to Committee Members.

Reference was made to the priorities which related to the Outdoor Recreation Services section. It was felt that the priorities identified were too concentrated around the area of Carmarthen and should be extended to include other areas of Carmarthenshire.

RESOLVED that the Communities Departmental Business Plan 2017-20 be received.

6. TO SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 3RD MARCH 2017

Reference was made to Minute 11, Environmental & Public Scrutiny Committee Actions and Referrals Update. Further to the request made to invite a representative from Valero to attend a future meeting. The Chair duly informed the Committee that in response to the invitation, Valero had declined the invitation and that a copy of the response had been circulated to all Committee Members via e-mail.

At this point, Councillor D Davies declared an interest as Chairman of Carmarthen Amateur Angling Association.

Strong disappointment was expressed regarding Valero's lack of engagement. Following a brief discussion officers agreed to follow the matter up.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Environment and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee held on the 3rd March 2017 be signed as a correct record.

CHAIR

DATE