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18 February 2014

## **Environmental and Community Services Select Committee**

Members are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Committee to be held at **10.30 am on Wednesday 26 February 2014 at County Hall, Chichester.**

**Please note that there will be a pre-meeting of the Committee members only at 10am.**

**Tony Kershaw**  
Head of Law and Governance

## **Agenda**

### **Part I**

#### **Indicative Timetable**

Item 1		Declarations of Interests
Item 2	10.30 – 10.35	Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee
Item 3		Urgent Matters
Item 4	10.35 – 11.35	Call-in - Amendment to the Street Lighting Policy for Part Night Lighting
Item 5	11.35	Part II Matters
Item 6	11.35 – 12.05	Review of Parking Charges
Item 7	12.05 – 13.05	Strategic Economic Plan and Greater Brighton City Deal
Item 8	13.05 – 13.20	Business Planning Group Report
Item 9	13.20 – 13.30	Requests for call-ins
Item 10		Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Item 11		Members' Items
Item 12		Date of next meeting
Item 13	13.30 – 13.35	Highways Maintenance Contract

### **1. Declarations of Interests**

Members and officers must declare any pecuniary or personal interest in any business on the agenda. They should also make declarations at any stage such as an interest becomes apparent during the meeting. Consideration should be given to leaving the meeting if the nature of the interest warrants it. If in doubt, contact Democratic Services before the meeting.

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee**

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting of Committee held on 15 January 2014 (green paper) – [attached](#).

### 3. Urgent Matters

Items not on the agenda, which the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances, including cases where the Committee needs to be informed of budgetary or performance issues affecting matters within its terms of reference, which have emerged since the publication of the agenda.

### 4. Call-in - Amendment to the Street Lighting Policy for Part Night Lighting

The Environmental & Community Services Select Committee Business Planning Group has agreed to call-in the proposed decision by the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport concerning the Amendment to the Street Lighting Policy for Part Night Lighting decision published on the Electronic Decision Database on 27 January 2014 and in the Members' Information Service on 29 January 2014, HT23 (13/14).

The decision report asked the Cabinet Member to agree that: -

- (1) WSCC adopts a policy of part night lighting in residential areas and discussions will be held with local councils where there was a previous decision for all night lighting,
- (2) The policy includes the possibility for exceptions to part night lighting where support is needed to be given to Police in dealing with crime and disorder issues,
- (3) Changes are made to the Street Lighting Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract output specification to reflect this.

Decision report by Director Service Operations and Head of Highways and Transport – [attached](#).

The call-in was initiated by Mrs Millson with the support of Dr Walsh, Dr Dennis, Mr Smytherman, Mr R Rogers, Mr Buckland, Mr Sheldon and Mrs Smith.

Call-in request – [attached](#)

Addendum to Decision Report – [attached](#).

The Committee's Business Planning Group has agreed to the call-in for the following reasons: -

- Eight Members support the call-in request
- The decision has not been previewed by the Environmental & Community Services Select Committee

Mrs Millson has been invited to outline the reasons for the call-in request to the Committee.

Pieter Montyn, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, has been invited to address the Committee and answer questions.

Peter Bradley, Services Manager, Engineering Services, and Geoff Lowry, Head of Highways and Transport, will attend to support the Cabinet Member.

The Committee is invited to consider the issues raised in the call-in request and to make recommendations to Cabinet Member accordingly.

## **5. Part II Matters**

Members are asked to indicate at this stage if they wish the meeting to consider bringing into Part I the item on the Part II agenda.

## **6. Review of Parking Charges**

Report by the Director of Communities Commissioning and Service Manager for Transport and Countryside Services – [attached](#).

This report demonstrates that the policy triggers have been met to necessitate a revision to the parking charges, and puts forward six options for the review of parking charges.

The Committee is asked to support the following:

- The introduction of option 6 effective from July 2014.
- Consider an increase in residents' permit charges as part of the County Council's annual review of fees and charges for 2015/16.
- Continue with the policy of annual reviews of charges, bringing forward proposals as and when suitable price points are met, given underlying inflation and traffic management requirements for all other charges.

## **7. Strategic Economic Plan and Greater Brighton City Deal**

Report by Executive Director Communities Commissioning and Head of Community & Economic Development – [attached](#) and presentation by the Director of Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership – [attached](#).

The report explains the Council's role in developing the Strategic Economic Plan and its involvement in the Greater Brighton City Deal.

The Committee is asked to endorse the development of Strategic Economic Plan, and its continued development prior to submission to Government on 31 March and to ask that the Leader formally informs partners on the Greater Brighton City Deal that the Council remains fully supportive of the proposals.

## **8. Business Planning Group Report**

Report by the Chairman of the Business Planning Group - [attached](#).

The report provides an update to the Committee of the Business Planning Group meeting held on 21 January 2014 setting out the key issues discussed.

The Committee is asked to endorse the contents of this report and particularly the Committee's Work Programmes for 2013/14 and 2014/15, revised to reflect the Business Planning Group's discussions.

## **9. Requests for Call-ins**

There has been one request for call-in to the Select Committee within its constitutional remit since the date of the last meeting. The request was accepted and was dealt with under item 4 of this agenda.

## **10. Forward Plan of Key Decisions**

Extract from the Forward Plan March to June – [attached](#).

An extract from any Forward Plan published between the date of dispatch of the agenda and the date of the meeting will be tabled at the meeting and be available on the Internet.

The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to enquire into any of the forthcoming decisions within its portfolio.

## **11. Members' Items**

Members to mention any items which they believe to be of relevance to the business of the Select Committee, and suitable for scrutiny, e.g. raised with them by constituents, arising from central government initiatives etc.

## **12. Date of the Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is on 28 March 2014 at 10.30 a.m. at County Hall, Chichester. Any Member wishing to place an item on the agenda for this must notify the Head of Law and Governance by 18 March.

Items likely to be on the agenda include:

- Delegation of Decisions on Classification of County Roads
- The Future of Buy With Confidence Trader Assurance Scheme

## **Part II**

The Committee is asked to consider in respect of the following item whether the public, including the press, should be excluded from the meeting on the grounds of exemption under Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as indicated against the item and because, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption of that information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

## **13. Highways Maintenance Contract**

The Committee will receive a verbal report by the Chief Operating Officer on current plans.

No background papers

Exempt: paragraph 3, Financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority).

**To all members of the Environmental and Community Services Select Committee**