

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
NOTES OF A MEETING OF SAFER, CLEANER, GREENER SCRUTINY STANDING
PANEL
HELD ON TUESDAY, 24 JUNE 2008
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CIVIC OFFICES, HIGH STREET, EPPING
AT 7.00 - 7.52 PM

Members Present: M Colling (Chairman), G Pritchard (Vice-Chairman), R Barrett, K Chana, Miss R Cohen, R Frankel, Ms J Hedges, D Jacobs, J Philip, Mrs P Richardson and Mrs L Wagland

Other members present: D Bateman, Mrs M Sartin, D Stallan, Ms S Stavrou and Mrs J H Whitehouse

Apologies for Absence:

Officers Present J Nolan (Assistant Director Neighbourhoods), J Preston (Director of Planning and Economic Development), K Durrani (Assistant Director Technical Services) and A Hendry (Democratic Services Officer)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

2. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (COUNCIL MINUTE 39 - 23.7.02)

The Panel noted there were no substitute members.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE / WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel discussed the draft terms of reference as set out in the agenda along with the terms of reference for the new Planning Services Standing Panel.

They noted that the Planning Services Standing Panel met recently and recommended that item 4 on their terms of references be transferred to this Standing Panel as it fell into this panel area of scrutiny. Item 4 read: "to keep an overview on transport matters that were the subject of a focus day in Nazeing in March 2007, and the action plan in respect thereof."

The Panel agreed that this indeed did fall into their remit and agreed to add it to their terms of reference. This would be added under their current item 6, on Highway Issues.

The Panel then considered when they would like to start their meetings. They agreed a 7.30pm start time.

Resolved:

- 1) That the Terms of Reference be agreed subject to item 4 of the Planning Services Terms of Reference being added; and
- 2) That a 7.30pm start time for this Panel be agreed.

4. BACKGROUND REPORT

The Assistant Director for the Environment and Street Scene introduced the report setting out the position regarding the main issues highlighted in the Panel's terms of reference

They noted that the Safer Cleaner Greener initiative was adopted by the Cabinet in November 2007. The Cabinet resolved:

(1) That, in support of the Safer, Cleaner and Greener initiative, approval be given to:

(a) the following additions to the establishment of:

(i) one CCTV Operations Officer;

(ii) two Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Officers;

(iii) one Environment & Neighbourhood Officer; and

(iv) a Rapid Response Unit (Highways Rangers);

(b) the associated proposals for training, service branding, equipment, vehicles and on-going running and maintenance costs; and

(c) the continued development of the waste and recycling service to include a review of the garden waste collection service and the collection of food waste as a recyclable material;

(2) That approval be given to the following for inclusion in the 2008/09 budget:

(a) a revenue Continuing Services Budget growth bid in the sum of £250,000;

(b) a revenue District Development Fund growth bid in the sum of £30,450; and

(c) a capital growth bid in the sum of £23,000; and

(3) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be invited to consider the most appropriate means of monitoring the Safer, Cleaner and Greener initiative.

The Panel considered that under the section on Waste Management Partnership Board, paragraph 6, that the last sentence be deleted from that paragraph. The Panel then discussed the current arrangements for waste management. They noted that the Cabinet had asked scrutiny to look at options and development.

Under the paragraph on the Nottingham Declaration, Councillor Mrs Whitehouse commented that as Jon Whitehouse had initiated this action he should be given appropriate credit. This topic had come to the Environment and Planning Services Standing Panel, but nothing had been heard since. The Panel noted that it now the responsibility of Planning Services and that a report on the recent workshop would come to this Panel, with an appropriate officer at a future meeting.

Councillor D Stellan commented on Parking Issues (paragraph 9) and that there was a similar item on going to the Housing Standing Panel covering unauthorised parking

on Housing Estates. He offered that a report on this be brought to the next meeting of this panel for their information. The Chairman agreed that such a report would be welcome.

ACTION: that a report on Unauthorised Parking on Housing Estates be brought to the next meeting of this Panel.

The Panel agreed that under item 6 (a) of the draft work programme that NAG (Nazeing Action Group) should be removed as it should be a wider remit and not just focused on Nazeing.

AGREED: NAG to be removed from the draft Work Programme (6(a)).

The Assistant Director for the Environment and Street Scene commented that a report will be brought to the Panel on the enforcement arrangements (item 1(d) of the Work Programme). And, that an updated Work Programme will come to the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the background report be noted;
- 2) That a report from the Housing Standing Panel on Unauthorised Parking in Housing Estates be brought to the next meeting of this Panel; and
- 3) That Nazeing Action Group (6(a)) be removed from the Work Programme.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was raised.

6. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates for future meeting as set out in the agenda was agreed.