

EFDC GREEN CORPORATE WORKING PARTY MINUTES

DATE: 26 April 2011
TIME: 2.30pm
VENUE: Committee Room 2, Civic Offices

Chair: John Preston (JP)

Attending: Tom Carne (TC), Ann Kossick (AK), Jim Nolan (JN), Janet Twinn (JT), Mike Tipping (MT), and Ian White (IW)

Apologies

Brian Bassington (BB), Sarah Creitzman (SC), Councillor Penny Smith (PS), Mike Warr (MW) and Gary Woodhall (GW)

Matters arising from last meeting

Suitable procedures were now in place to reduce energy usage from the recently installed Multi Functional Devices; any individual can switch these on if they are switched off, but only selected staff who know how to safely/properly shut them down should do so at the end of the working day. Operational requirements need to be recognised, so, for example, GW would switch off in Member Services at the end of an evening.

Action

Waste from EFDC Main Offices. Following the visit to Porters to view the present arrangements, a recent meeting with SITA (The contractor who deals with domestic refuse throughout the EFDC area) has been held, so as to see if they could provide a service. They will provide costs and then MT will compile a report; if the costs are within the present budget that will be easier than if the costs are higher and a case has to be made to Councillors that better arrangements, with greater certainty of the recycling rate, and confirmation of where the material ends up, is worth paying a greater price.

MT

The draft letter/template requesting that individuals be taken off mailing lists to save paper, postage and other resources was outstanding.

SC

Cardinus Training. Those in the Party who had been able to complete this considered that, whilst interesting, it was rather general and was definitely too long for it to be rolled out more widely in its present form.

Agenda

Green Champions

Members were happy to take on the responsibility of Green Champions, and had also persuaded a number of colleagues not at the Civic Offices to become Site Champions; so far these include Darren Goody (North Weald Airfield) David Marsh (Langston Road Waste) Phil Hawkins (Langston Road Grounds Maintenance) Paul Spencer (Langston Road MOT) and Paul Blamey (Burton Road) Welcome to the Site Champions, who will be sent the minutes of these meetings in future, and who SC will communicate with.

SC

Climate Change Strategy and Council's emissions reporting

The Party noted the demise of a number of previous National Indicators, but that NI 185 and NI 194 remained in an amended form; these concern emissions from Buildings and from Transport; there is a requirement to publish these on the EFDC Website. The target to publish these is July. When the details are known, SC will

continue work on the new Climate Change Strategy.

Any Other Business

The Party were aware that the Council's lease car scheme was presently suspended, and that a small group was considering different options for the future nature of such a scheme particularly from a cost perspective, and which will then be the subject of consultation. Given the information in the Green Fleet review it was considered that the Party should ask to be consulted so that a green perspective can be given. **JP**

Date of next meeting

Next meeting scheduled for 7 June 2011 at 2.30pm in Committee Room 2.
Subsequent meetings are scheduled for July 19th, August 30th, October 11th and November 22nd