

Environment Overview & Scrutiny Panel

Thursday, 5 January 2006

Present: Councillor T McGowan (Chair) and Councillors D Dickinson, T Gray, Miss I Iddon and S Smith

06.ENV.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R Lees and M Lowe.

06.ENV.02 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

No Member declared an interest in relation to matters under consideration at the meeting.

06.ENV.03 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 10 November 2005 be confirmed as a correct record. Under Minute 05.ENV.38 the Chair informed Members of the decision taken by the Executive Cabinet on 1 December 2005 on the recommendations of the Panel’s inquiry entitled “Accessibility of cycling as a leisure pursuit”.

06.ENV.04 REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had referred this matter to the Panel for consideration. Members were due to discuss with the Head of Environmental Services the Council’s refuse and recycling collection services and the recent difficulties being experienced by some residents, but due to unforeseen circumstances he was unable to attend the meeting.

The Panel **AGREED** to defer the matter to a future meeting.

06.ENV.05 MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNCILS CEMETERIES SERVICE

As requested by the Panel at its last meeting on 10 November 2005, the Head of Public Space Services attended the meeting to inform Members and provide them with a better understanding of the management of the Council’s cemeteries service, prior to the submission to a future meeting of a Consultants report.

06.ENV.06 HIGHWAYS PARTNERSHIP AND CALL - OUT TO INCIDENTS OF FLOODING

As requested by the Panel at its last meeting on 10 November 2005, the Head of Public Space Services attended the meeting to inform Members of the contingency plans that would be in place for reported incidents of flooding after the termination of the Lancashire Highways Partnership on 30 June 2006.

06.ENV.07 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2005/06

The Panel received the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme and discussed the items relating to the Environment Panel.

RESOLVED – That the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme be noted.

Chair