

SPECIAL ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 25 NOVEMBER 2002

Councillor J S Highfield (Chairman)

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

R M Baggaley	W R Reid
Mrs E A Croxall	J A Russell
Mrs A P Edgeller	Mrs D A Wakefield
J H Kennedy	Mrs A J Walker
T J Reeves	

Cabinet Member - Councillor Mrs E Kidney

ES19 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 11 July and the Special meeting of 30 July 2002 submitted and signed.

ES20 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D M Byrne and Mrs J E Tabernor (substitute Councillor T J Reeves).

ES21 ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING

Karen Davies, Local Agenda 21 Co-ordinator gave a presentation to the Committee on the role of Environmental Well-Being in achieving sustainable development which was followed by a general debate with the Cabinet Member answering Members questions.

The Committee felt it important that the Local Agenda 21 Strategy and the Communities Plan Strategy be integrated to promote a wider and stronger partnership with a view to taking sustainable development from the margins to the mainstream of both Local Government and of the Community. There was also discussions of matters related to appropriate performance indicators for sustainability; the role of education, and litter issues.

Details were given of the areas of improvement over the last year based on the audit of "A Local Agenda 21 Strategy for Stafford Borough".

RESOLVED:- that the report be noted and the Cabinet Member take note of the matters discussed by the Committee in considering the issue of Environmental Well-Being.

ES22 SCRUTINY OF HEALTH SERVICES

The Head of Environmental and Health Services reported to Committee on the developing process in relation to the scrutiny of Health Services by Local Government.

The first meeting of the County Health Scrutiny Committee was held on 27 September 2002 and was attended by Councillor J S Highfield who gave a brief oral report on the proceedings.

Councillor Highfield informed the Committee that the County Council would delegate powers to this Council detailing specific areas for scrutiny (when the powers were clarified) but that no additional funding would be made available. The County Health Scrutiny Committee was to hold its next meeting in early 2003 when it was proposed to set out a programme for the following year.

RESOLVED:- that the report be noted.

ES23 STAFFORD MARKET

Considered the report of the Head of Operations on progress in relation to improvements at Stafford Market following presentation of the consultants report and consideration by the Cabinet at its meeting on 10 September 2002.

Arising therefrom a Town Centre Officer Working Group had recently been established to consider the Market and Town Centre issues generally and this Group felt that an outdoor market located in Chapel Street/Crabbery Street was more appropriate than one located in Princes Street/Crabbery Street.

Consideration was also being given to six day trading in the market and an Officer/Tenant Working Group had now been established for discussing these issues.

It was hoped to fill the new position of Stafford Markets Co-ordinator early in 2003.

A draft design brief "Raising the Game" drawn up by the Council's Urban Designer was circulated to the Committee for information.

RESOLVED:- that the report be noted.

Proceedings commenced at 6.30 pm and terminated at 8.20 pm.