A meeting of the Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton, on Tuesday 29th January, 2013.

Present

Councillor D. Navarro - Chair


An apology for absence was received from Councillor N.G. Grant.

316 Courtesies

The Chair welcomed the Speakers and members of the Allotment Associations to the meeting.

317 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd December, 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

318 Declarations of Interest/Party Whip

Councillor June Tandy declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of her being a member of Warwickshire County Council.

Councillor K.D. Wilson declared an Other Interest by reason of him being an employee of Nuneaton County Court and Warwickshire Family Proceedings Court and also by reason of him being a Governor at Etone College.

Councillor C.M. Watkins declared an Other Interest in respect of any relevant agenda item by reason of him being a member of the Nuneaton and Bedworth Leisure Trust Board.

Councillors J. Sheppard and W.H. Sheppard declared an Other Interest in agenda items 6 and 9 by reason of them being trustees of Wembrook Community Association.
Draft Allotment Strategy

The Open Space and Play Development Officer submitted a report setting out the draft Allotment Strategy making recommendations relating to future provision of allotments within the Borough, 2012 – 2017.

Concern was expressed that there was no action plan in place to ensure that goals set over a five year period would be achieved.

RESOLVED that

(a) the Draft Allotment Strategy be approved;

(b) on completion of the consultation process, an action plan be formulated and submitted to a future meeting of this Panel, prior to submission to Cabinet;

(c) should the need arise, an additional meeting of the Panel be convened to consider the action plan;

(d) Mr. Clelland and members of the Allotment Associations be thanked for their attendance; and

(e) Officers be thanked for the report.

Speaker: Mr. John Clelland - Nuneaton Federation of Allotments

Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE)

The Director - Assets and Street Services presented a briefing note updating the Panel on the current situation in relation to the delivery of on-street parking enforcement within the Borough of Nuneaton and Bedworth.

Various concerns were expressed, in particular regarding:

- the way in which Rugby Borough Council deliver on-street CPE services in the Borough;
- the number of Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO’s) patrolling within the Borough at any one time;
- the areas in which the CEO’s are deployed and the times of patrolling;
- the CEO’s apparent lack of local knowledge.

RESOLVED that

(a) the Principal Officer Democratic Services (Committees) be requested to arrange a joint meeting comprising of representatives from Stratford District Council, Warwick District Council and Rugby Borough Council to consider the concerns of the Panel and issues relating to CPE; and
(b) Mr. Spencer be thanked for his attendance.

Speaker: Mr. Paul Spencer – Chair, Bedworth Town Centre Partnership

321 **Environmental Sustainability Strategy Progress Report-Themes/Actions for Environmental Sustainability Strategy Update**

The Director – Assets and Street Services submitted a document entitled Themes/Actions for Environmental Sustainability Strategy Update for consideration.

Concern was expressed that the document presented to the Panel was not the Environmental Sustainability Strategy Progress Report and that there was no relevant information for consideration.

RESOLVED that the Environmental Sustainability Strategy Progress Report be deferred to the next meeting of this Panel scheduled for 11th March, 2013.

322 **Operational Integrated Performance Report – Third Quarter 2012/13**

The Director - Finance and Procurement and Performance and Quality Manager submitted a joint report seeking to provide appropriate performance measures and financial budget information for service areas within the scope of this Panel, providing the Panel with appropriate information to monitor performance and finance information in order to address issues arising.

Members also received a copy of the Strategic Risk Register which was circulated at the meeting.

Various items marked ‘red’ were considered and concerns raised as follows:

- Officers responsible for topics where performance was marked as ‘red’ were not present to answer Members’ questions;
- no information was provided to demonstrate what action is being taken to address issues surrounding items that were marked ‘red’;
- the Strategic Performance Report comprised of information that related to one month only.

RESOLVED that:

(a) the Operational Integrated Performance Report -Third Quarter 2012/13 and the Performance Indicators attached to the report be noted;

(b) Complaints and Sickness Absence be referred to the Economic and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Panel for consideration as a Work Programme item; and
(c) the Strategic Risk Register be deferred to the meeting scheduled for 11th March 2013 in view of the need to be fully aware of the content before consideration.

323 **Responses From Cabinet**

**Use of Dog Control Orders by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council**

It was reported that Cabinet, at its meeting on the 9th January, 2013 had considered the recommendations made by the Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel on the 3rd December, 2012 in relation to a report from the Chair of the Dog Control Orders Working Group. It was also requested that comments made by members of the Panel be submitted to Cabinet together with the report.

**RESOLVED** that

(a) Cabinet’s responses to the Panel’s recommendations be noted; and

(b) the Portfolio Holder for Health and Environment be requested to provide a full explanation regarding Cabinet’s decision relating to the ‘Use of Dog Control Orders by Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council’ - minute 305 (b) refers.

324 **Work Programme 2012/13**

The Principal Democratic Services Officer (Committees) submitted the work Programme for 2012/13.

**RESOLVED** that

(a) Review of Lighting in Parks and Car Parks remain on the Work Programme; and

(b) the Work Programme for the Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel as amended be noted.

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Chair