A meeting of the Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton, on Thursday 20th November, 2014.

Present

Councillor J. Sheppard – Chair

Councillors C. Bennett, S. Doughty, J. Glass, N. Grant, W.J. Hancox, D.C. Navarro, T. Sheppard and R. Tromans (substituting for J. Foster),

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors J. Foster and N.J. P. Phillips and Ms D. Ross.

PE22 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd October, 2014, be confirmed.

PE23 Declarations of Interest

Councillor D. C. Navarro declared an Other Interest in any relevant item by reason of his appointment as a Non-Executive Director of the George Eliot NHS Trust.

PE24 Integrated Performance Report – Second Quarter 2014/15

The Director - Finance and Procurement and Governance and Performance Officer submitted a joint report providing appropriate performance measures and financial budget information for service areas within the scope of this Panel.

RESOLVED that the Integrated Performance Report for the second quarter be noted.

PE25 Draft Tree Policy

The Parks and Countryside Officer submitted the draft Tree Policy for this Panel's consideration.
RESOLVED that

(1) the draft Tree Policy be noted;

(2) the Tree Officer’s Customer Care Policy be publicised alongside the Tree Policy;

(3) the Portfolio Holder to be the decision taker in respect of any areas of dispute between Officers, Councillors and the public in respect of trees and

(4) the Panel supports the making of finance available for the Council to undertake tree management effectively and to enable any necessary tree works to be carried out.

PE26 Monitoring of the Grounds Maintenance Contract

Speaker: Mr R.G. Cull

A report from the Parks and Countryside Officer provided the Panel with information on the performance of the two grounds maintenance contracts provided by Glendale Industries Ltd.

The Panel received a presentation from representatives from Glendale - Andy Ansell, Regional Director and Barry Bolton, Nuneaton Contract Manager, which provided members with information on Glendale’s operational practices and performance.

RESOLVED that:

(1) the report and presentation be noted and Andy Ansell and Barry Bolton be thanked for their presentation;

(2) the Panel be provided with a breakdown of the Multiple Issues in respect of the Rectification and Default Notices issued to Glendale; and

(3) the Panel supports the continued monitoring of performance of the contract and to ensure that there is a continued level of investment to carry out the contract.

PE27 Work Programme 2014/15

The Work Programme for 2014/15 was presented to the Panel.
RESOLVED that

(1) authority be delegated to the Chair to agree the work programme for the meetings in January and March 2015;

(2) the suggestion from Councillor Chris Watkins to use the Council’s unwanted wood and felled trees to relieve fuel poverty in the borough be referred to the Housing, Health & Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

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Chair