

Members are requested to attend:

**ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE
18 November 2008**

1. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions.

2. Declarations of Interest

Members' declarations of interest (if any) in relation to any matters on the agenda.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2008 are attached at pages 1 - 8.

4. Matters Arising.

5. Written Questions and Petitions

(i) Harlow & District Pensioners Action Association

Refuse Collection

A petition of approximately 2459 signatures has been received raising concerns about the consequences of changing the collection of refuse, which they believe will create problems and compromise health and safety for older people who will struggle to move wheelie bins to the necessary areas for collection.

6. Non-Contentious Business

7. Committee Forward Work Plan

The work plan is attached at page 9.

8. Kier Harlow Ltd – Annual Update

James O'Donnell (Partnership Director) and Doug Goodyer (Business Improvement Manager - Parks & Landscapes) from Kier Harlow Ltd will attend the meeting to give a presentation.

9. Adoption of the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

The report is at pages 10 - 55.

10. Waste Contract 2009 – Progress Update

The report is at pages 56 – 58.

11. Byelaws for Ball Games & Skateboarding

The report is at pages 59 – 63.

** Copies of the detailed plans will be available in the Member's Room, reception and at the meeting.*

12. Bus Terminus Management Progress Report

The report is at pages 64 - 68.

13. Abandoned Shopping Trolleys

The report is at pages 69 – 72.

14. Playhouse Working Group

The report is at pages 73 – 75.

15. Green Space Working Party

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2008 are attached at pages 76 – 79.

16. Grants Panel

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2008 are attached at pages 80 – 81.

17. Swimming Pool Closure Working Group

The Committee is asked:

- (a) to note the minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2008, 7 February 2008, 18 February 2008, 27 March 2008 and 28 October 2008;
- (b) to approve the recommendations from the minutes of the meeting held on 27 March 2008 as follows:

- (1) Nowhere in this investigation had there been any evidence that the pool closed for any reason other than the managing of the risks to the public and economics of repair.
 - 2) There had been no evidence to suggest that there was a conspiracy to close the pool or that the pool was closed due to the economic factors around the sale of the pool site.
 - 3) Failure was attributable to a combination of factors including inherent faults, previous repairs, ageing building/infrastructure, need to ensure value for money, previous wind damage and the impending construction of a new facility.
- (c) to approve the recommendation from the minutes of the meeting held on the 27 March 2008 to the Policy & Resources Committee that: -

The Council's Asset Management Plan should include explicit reference to building life expectancy risks, estimates of investment required to ensure continued use and that the plan should be regularly reviewed by Members.

The above-mentioned minutes are attached at pages 82 – 92.

18. References from Other Committees/Working Parties

- (i) Licensing Committee
13 October 2008

Enforcement Policy

The updated General Enforcement Policy and Appendix 1 (Enforcement Policy for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing) be referred to the Environment & Community Committee for agreement.

The report is at pages 93 – 102.

19. Matters of Urgent Business

Such other business which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances to be specified in the minutes.

20. Exclusion of Press and Public

The Chair will move that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified under Paragraph 3 of Part One of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, if and so long as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

21. Waste Management Contract Working Group

The minutes of the meetings held on 20 June 2008, 25 July 2008 and 19 September 2008 are attached at pages 103 – 111.

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