

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9 September 2010

Item	Recommendations	Response to Recommendations
Norwood Lane and Paston Travellers Site	It is recommended to the Neighbourhood Manager (City Wide) that the Action Plan for Norwood Lane and Paston Travellers Site is amended to include an action point that the Magistrates are requested to take stronger action and deliver stronger penalties for fly tipping. The Neighbourhood Manager to contact the Magistrates to discuss this action and request their support in backing the Council's actions with regard to enforcement.	The recommendation has now been included within the Action Plan for Norwood Lane and Paston Travellers Site.
Biodiversity Strategy	It is recommended to the Wildlife Officer that the Biodiversity Strategy includes some specific indicators to provide quantitative data on flora, fauna and endangered species so the impact of the strategy can be measured.	<p>Carrying out a detailed survey of every green space every year would be very resource intensive. However it would be possible to produce quantitative data for those areas which we were already monitoring. The three examples outlined to the Committee at the meeting were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Wildlife Sites, we have data on the management of the set of 107 CWS across Peterborough • 4 Spotted Moth, we have data for this species at its key site which lies on the edge of the Urban area. The numbers recorded in any one year are however influenced by the weather condition in that year and the previous year. • Barn Owls, we have data for the barn owl recovery project to the east of Peterborough which could be reported, however it should be appreciated that barn owl numbers have a natural 4 year fluctuation cycle, so it is not possible to compare between years but rather 4 year blocks.
Launch of Home of Environment Capital	<p>The Cabinet Member for Environment Capital is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) ensure that the Home of Environment Capital Policy makes reference to all of the other related policies and strategies; and (ii) rewrite the opening paragraph of the 	Both recommendations have been incorporated into the latest draft of the Policy which was subsequently agreed at Full Council on 13 October 2010.

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	Policy to make clearer the intent of the Policy, including that details of the related policies and strategies that are yet to be included.	

EARLIER RECOMMENDATIONS

10 June 2010

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Tree Pollarding	The Cabinet Member for Culture, Recreation and Strategic Commissioning is recommended that consideration is given, during the Lot 3 process, to pollarded trees in one or two streets being left for 3-4 years to see if a longer maintenance regime was reasonable compared to the current two year programme.	The recommendation is supported and the bidders will be informed to take this into account within their proposals for Lot 3.	This item has been included on the Committee's work programme for 2011/12.

15 July 2010

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Environment Capital – The Next Steps	It is recommended to the Cabinet Member for Environment Capital that before the City Council declares Peterborough as the Environment Capital, agreed criteria should be met and an independent assessment should be undertaken.	The most cost effective basis for this comparative work is the Forum for The Future's Sustainable Cities Index. The organisation assessed Peterborough as part of the Jonathan Porritt Master Class in November 2009. It is intended that Forum for the Future assess the city again as part of the 2010 Index later this year. It should be noted that the Index compares Peterborough with a number of much larger UK cities but it is one of only a few, reliable local authority comparators. This is likely to become more of a challenge with the deletion of the National Indicator site.	

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Christmas Park and Ride Service 2010	That the Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning decides on the best approach for delivering the Sunday Christmas Park and Ride Service within the ethos of an environment capital.	The £1 charge for Sundays required further consideration following confirmation as to whether there would be any free parking in the city centre on Sundays. The decision on whether to charge and what level of charge was left to officers to recommend to the Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning.	<p>It has now been clarified that free parking will not be available in the city centre on Sundays and therefore the £1 charge per passenger for the Sunday Park and Ride service has been recommended to the Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning.</p> <p>It has since been clarified that a family ticket will be available which allows two adults and up to three children to travel for £2.50.</p>
Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme	It is recommended to the Cabinet Member for Environment Capital that the Council completes the registration process for the CRC in line with the legal requirements under the Climate Change Act and CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme Order 2010.	The Cabinet Member for Environment Capital made an Executive Decision on 11 August 2010 to authorise the submission of the application for registration under the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme.	
Revised Biodiversity Strategy	<p>The Cabinet is recommended to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) endorse the revised Biodiversity Strategy prior to its consideration by Council as part of the major policy framework; and (ii) consider the requirement for additional resources during the development of future Council budgets alongside other budget pressures. <p>The Commercial Services Director is requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to lead on the development of the draft policy for works 	The Cabinet endorsed the revised Biodiversity Strategy prior to its consideration by Council.	<p>The Biodiversity Strategy was approved by Council at their meeting on 13 October 2010.</p> <p>This work is ongoing.</p>

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	<p>during the bird nesting season separately from the Biodiversity Strategy. Support to be provided from the Council's Officer Working Group for Biodiversity as required; and</p> <p>(ii) to bring the final draft of the policy to a future meeting of the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee when it is completed.</p>		