



**MEETING OF THE  
RURAL, ECONOMIC & ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**30 May 2012**

Present:

Councillors J. Orson (Chairman), M Gordon, L. Horton, E. Hutchinson, J.B. Rhodes,  
M. Sheldon Vice Chair), J. Simpson

As Observers:

M. O'Callaghan,

Strategic Director (CAM),  
Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods,  
Head of Regulatory Services,  
Administrative Support Officer

R01. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Barnes and Councillor S Dungworth

R02. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2011 were approved following the removal of para 3, Minute 42. The minutes of the meeting held on 07 March were approved subject to noting that Councillor O'Callaghan had abstained from voting at Minute 56 and not voted against as recorded.

R03. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

R04. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from other committees.

R05. TASK GROUPS

The Chairman reminded the committee that from the 18 July 2012 full council meeting, the task group would become a Working Group. Any decisions made by the Working Group would be voted upon and then confirmed at Full Council. Councillor Gordon expressed an interest to serve on the task group

but wondered if this would be acceptable as the nomination was to be for 2 years and she would only be able to serve for the first year. The strategic director confirmed that this would be in order.

**RESOLVED** that the Local Development Framework Task Group be reconstituted. Nominations to the group were Councillors D Wright, P Chandler, V Manderson and J Simpson (Conservative) Councillor E Hutchinson (Independent), Councillor M Gordon (Labour) plus 1 labour seat.

#### R06. SERVICE PLANS

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods presented a report (copies of which had previously been circulated) to provide Members with an opportunity to comment on and agree, Service Plans for 2012/13.

Following a question raised by Councillor Gordon regarding the dog warden service there was a lengthy discussion regarding the effectiveness of a dedicated dog warden in relation to the eradication of dog fouling.

**RESOLVED** that the following Service Plans be approved (where applicable to this Committee) :-

- Regulatory Services
  - It was agreed that a greater focus on the control of dog fouling be added as an objective to the service plan.
- Communities and Neighbourhoods

#### R07. HACKNEY CARRIAGE CHARGES

The Head of Regulatory Services presented a report (copies of which had previously been circulated to members) asking Members consider the previously agreed Hackney Carriage tariff charges increase following an objection the these increases.

It was explained that a majority agreed with the increases and it was therefore proposed by Councillor Rhodes, seconded by Councillor /Sheldon, that the increases were confirmed.

**RESOLVED** that the tariff agreed by the Committee on 16 November 2011 and subsequently advertised be confirmed.

#### R08. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.