

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 29 SEPTEMBER, 2016 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK
PART 1

PRESENT:
Councillors

Cooper, Miss J. (Chairman)
Pearson, A.R. (Vice-Chairman)

Cartwright, Mrs. S.	Hoare, M.W.A.
Dean, A.	Sutton, Mrs. H.M.
Freeman, Miss M.	Witton, P.T.
(substituting for Dudson A.)	Woodhead, P.E.
Foley, D.	
Grice, Mrs. D.	

Also in attendance:-

Councillor J. Preece (Environment Portfolio Leader-observer)

15. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. A. Allt, J. Bowater and A. Dudson.

Notification had been received that Councillor Miss M. Freeman would be substituting for Councillor A. Dudson.

16. Declarations of Interests of Members and Officers in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

No further declarations were made in addition to those already confirmed by Members in the Register of Members Interests.

17. Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3, Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).

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18. Pest Control Service

The Legal Services Manager advised that an additional meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee had been convened to consider the Not for Publication report and the decision in respect of the Council's Pest Control Service that was considered by Cabinet on 22 September, 2016.

The Committee noted that exemption from the call-in process may apply in cases where an issue needs to be determined and implemented as a matter of urgency. Political Group Leaders are required to agree the exemption and, in this case, agreement could not be reached. As a result, the additional Environment Scrutiny Committee had been convened to consider the matter without the necessity of the call-in procedure being invoked.

He explained that a Member of the Committee could propose a motion and, subject to this being seconded, it would be debated by the Committee in accordance with the following procedure:-

- (i) During the course of the debate Members of the Committee may propose minor amendments to the motion with the consent of the proposer
- (ii) The Committee may:-
 - (a) Reject the motion, or
 - (b) Refer the decision back to the Cabinet for reconsideration with a recommendation
 - (c) Refer the matter to full Council with a recommendation for a decision

The Chairman then called upon the Head of Environmental Health and the Environmental Protection Manager to outline the background to the report. The reason for seeking exemption to the call in process due to the need for the matter to be determined and implemented as a matter of urgency was explained. Members noted that the tender process for a new contractor would need to commence on 30 September, 2016 so that a new contractor would be in place by 1 January, 2017 as the present contractor had given 3 months notice to terminate the contract early.

Following this the Chairman invited Members of the Committee to propose a motion.

Councillor Pearson moved the following motion which was seconded by Councillor Witton:-

“That the Committee agree with the decision of Cabinet that a limited pest control service be provided to residents with free rat and mice treatments and charges applied to all other treatments offered.”

The motion was debated by the Committee.

Following the debate a vote was taken and the motion was carried.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee agree with the decision of Cabinet that a limited pest control service be provided to residents with free rat and mice treatments and charges applied to all other treatments offered.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

CHAIRMAN