



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 4 JULY 2012 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs Wayne Whittle (Chairman), Paul Fuller, David Knowles, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Ian Ward
Officers Present	Ashley Curzon, Stuart Love, Julie Martin, Chris Mathews, John Metcalfe, Alex Minns
Apologies	Cllr Jerry White

10. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [30 May 2012](#) be confirmed.

11. [Declarations of Interest](#)

There were no declarations received at this stage.

12. [Pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship scheme](#)

A powerpoint presentation was made by Ashley Curzon, Strategic Manager – Economy, Tourism and Events, on youth employment initiatives. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had requested that such a report should be submitted following consideration of the budget in February 2012.

Mr Curzon advised the panel that more than 40 young people had so far benefitted from the pre-apprenticeship scheme. The £85,000 scheme was launched earlier this year to provide those not in education, employment and training (NEETS) with a six month work placement and training, helping them to access full apprenticeships.

So far 42 young people had embarked on a work placement and six had been taken on as full time apprentices.

A further 20 work placements were due to be created in the near future.

The panel was also advised of a range of business and employment initiatives which were being delivered by the Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the council.

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the progress with the pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship scheme be noted.

13. **Review of Street Based Services**

A powerpoint presentation was made by Alex Minns, Strategic Manager – Recreation, Leisure and Public Spaces, on a review being undertaken of the council's street based services. These included functions such as dog wardens, beaches, cemeteries, parks and open spaces.

The review sought to reduce current expenditure by £65,000. There were currently 17 positions in the scope of the review, which would be reduced to 11, with six environment officers undertaking broader tasks. Functions would be grouped under a single management team as it was believed that would be a more efficient way of working.

A formal consultation had been completed although very few comments had been received.

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the review of street based services be noted.

14. **Household Waste Collection Service**

A powerpoint presentation was made by Stuart Love, Strategic Director of Economy and Environment.

Members were advised there was now three months of data in terms of the new service and initial indications were good being slightly above target from a cumulative point of view. There had been a good take up by residents which was impacting on the performance indicators.

There was some discussion with regard to the gasification plant and members were reminded that this facility was not under the control of the council..

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the targets being achieved by the new collection service be noted.

15. **Forward Plan and Consultations**

Members were made aware of the relevant items contained within the Forward Plan for the period July to October 2012. There were no specific matters relating to consultations.

RESOLVED :

THAT the items be noted.

16. **Progress Report on Recommendations and Outcomes**

The Panel received an update on actions being taken as the result of previous meetings.

RESOLVED :

THAT the report be noted.

17. **Members' Question Time**

Councillor Ward asked how the toilet refurbishment project was progressing. The Strategic Director indicated the latest position regarding the proposed cabinet member delegated decision.

Councillor Fuller asked a question in relation to Southern Vectis. The Strategic Director indicated that a representative of the company could be invited to a future meeting to assist in discussions about local bus services.

CHAIRMAN