

CABINET MEMBER FOR WASTE AND EMERGENCY PLANNING

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate
Street, ROTHERHAM.
S60 2TH**

Date: Monday, 21st January, 2013

Time: 9.30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are likely to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) to the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th January, 2013 (copy attached) (Pages 1 - 2)
5. Minutes of a meeting of the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel, held on 11th January, 2013 (copy attached) (Pages 3 - 4)
6. Emergency Planning Update and Health and Safety Issues (Officers to report)
7. Waste Update (Officers to report)
8. Date and time of next meeting - Monday 4th February, 2013 at 9.30 am

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7th January, 2013**

Present:- Councillor R. S. Russell (in the Chair); Councillors Ali and Swift.

L47. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2012

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th December, 2012 were considered.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Waste and Emergency Planning, as now submitted, be agreed as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

L48. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING SHARED SERVICE JOINT COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH DECEMBER, 2012

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Emergency Planning Shared Service Joint Committee held on 6th December, 2012.

Resolved:- That the minutes, as submitted, be received.

L49. EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

Consideration was given to the update provided by the Emergency and Safety Manager. The update included: -

(a) Business Continuity – (i) BCMShared system training continues; (ii) work continues on developing plans, especially the Pandemic Influenza and recovery arrangements; (iii) progressing the learning points from Exercise Trio (with Sheffield City Council); revision of date for similar training exercise in Rotherham.

(b) Emergency Planning – (i) de-briefings have taken place after the two public demonstrations which took place in the Rotherham town centre last year; (ii) the temporary Emergency Planning Assistant began working with the team today; (iii) production a report from Exercise Trio, with a series of recommendations.

(c) Health, Welfare and Safety – (i) staff attended the pre-contract briefing for the re-roofing of Council properties at Rockingham and Wingfield; (ii) meetings have been held of the Violence and Aggression to Staff Officer Group; (iii) the corporate contract for servicing fire extinguishers is being reviewed; (iv) procedures were strictly followed at a primary school when investigating the possible presence of asbestos in the building (nb: it was shown that asbestos was not present there).

Resolved:- That the update be noted and the Emergency and Safety Manager be thanked for his contribution.

L50. WASTE UPDATE

Consideration was given to the update provided by the Waste Manager,

Environment and Development Services. The update included:-

(a) domestic waste collection schedules were completed during the Christmas and New Year holiday period; the 'blue box' recycling collection service has been very busy and is now up-to-date.

(b) negotiations continue in respect of the displaced amount of waste from the former Sterecycle site.

(c) an update was provided about the operation of household waste recycling centres.

(d) investigations are taking place concerning co-operative working with social enterprises in respect of recycling.

Resolved:- That the update be noted and the Waste Manager be thanked for his contribution.

**HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY PANEL
FRIDAY, 11TH JANUARY, 2013**

Present:- Councillor R. S. Russell (in the Chair); Councillors G. A. Russell, P. A. Russell, Sharman, Swift, Whelbourn and Wootton; Mrs. J. Adams (NUT), Mrs. C. Maleham (UNISON), Mrs. S. Brook (NASUWT) and Mr. P. Harris (GMB).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ali and Dodson and from Mrs. R. Asquith (UNISON).

47. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19TH OCTOBER, 2012

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel, held on 19th October, 2012, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

48. MATTERS ARISING

The Panel noted with regard to Minute No. 46(d) (Visit of Inspection to Whiston Worrygoose Primary School) that Health and Safety Officers had made a further visit of inspection to this School and the majority of the reported issues had been dealt with and action would soon be taken on the remaining ones.

49. HEALTH AND SAFETY BULLETIN

Consideration was given to the Health and Safety Bulletin, containing recent articles and reports of legal cases relating to health and safety.

The following items were highlighted:-

- matters of interest from the Health and Safety Executive;
- safety myths of Christmas (throwing snowballs; carol singing; seats in crowded shops; siting of Christmas trees; throwing sweets at pantomimes; Christmas decorations in the workplace);
- recent Court Cases, **with** one incident involving the Environment Agency.

Resolved:- That the Principal Health and Safety Officer distribute copies of the bulletin throughout the Authority and also publish the bulletin on the Council's Intranet web site.

50. HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY PANEL - OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND PROCEDURES

The Panel discussed various initiatives relating to employee welfare.

51. REPORT OF THE VISITS OF INSPECTION HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2012

Consideration was given to matters arising from the visits of inspection made by the Panel on Friday, 7th December, 2012. The Panel noted that Councillor Whelbourn attended these visits of inspection.

The report included the responses provided by Service Areas to the various issues raised at the inspections. Particular reference was made to:-

(a) Bailey House

The building is now mainly used as a repository for archives and records management. The Elections and Electoral Registration Office is also accommodated there. Discussion took place on the heating of the various parts of the building. The fire-fighting equipment is now in place. Repairs are required to a roof leak.

(b) Riverside House

Discussion took place on cash handling within the building. A further issue was reported about toilets being blocked and the Panel requested that the Facilities Manager should investigate.

(c) Visits of Inspection – 15th March 2013

A visit of inspection will be made to the Swinton Brookfield Primary School.