

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TREE POLICY TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Thursday, 20 July 2006

PRESENT:

Councillor Jamie Lane
Councillor Lee Mason

Chair

Councillor Phil Larratt

Portfolio Holder

Carl Grimmer

- Corporate Manager, Streetscene

Paul Chambers

Team Leader

Tony Spiezick

Margaret Martin

Consortium

Tracy Tiff

Scrutiny Officer

1 APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Glynane.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 JUNE 2006

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2006 were agreed.

3 TO FINALISE THE CHAIR'S REPORT

The Task and Finish Group heard that Silvina Katz, Policy Team Leader, Recovery, Policy and Governance, supports Councillors and Senior Managers in the development of corporate policies and strategies. Further details of her role were given. Silvina is developing a Policy Making Toolkit which will be available shortly. A copy of the draft Tree Policy has been forwarded to Silvina so that she is aware of its development and will offer any suggestions to its format.

The Task and Finish Group then discussed the Chair's draft final report and made relevant amendments (copy attached to the minutes). The draft Tree Policy was also discussed and suggested amendments made (copy attached to the minutes).

The Task and Finish Group agreed that the front cover to the final report should contain the same photograph as that of the draft Tree Policy.

The Chair's report would be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 4 October 2006 and then to Cabinet for consideration.

The meeting concluded at 8:20 pm

Minute Item 3

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