

## BARNSTAPLE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE meeting held on MONDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2017 at 7.00pm in The Guildhall, Butchers Row, Barnstaple.

Present: Councillors Mrs V Elkins, Mrs J Hunt (Mayor Ex Officio), Mrs E Davies, M Chamings, F Jefferies, M Kennaugh, I Williams and Miss M Lovering.

Also in attendance: Mrs K Graddock, Deputy Town Clerk.

The Vice Chairman, Cllr Fred Jefferies took the Chair.

### EN45 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence, as recorded on the attendance sheet were received from Cllr I Roome (Indisposed).

### EN46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS RECEIVED

Cllr Mrs J Hunt, as a member of North Devon Council, declared a dispensation under S.O66 to discuss and vote on any item on the agenda unless the item refers to a financial or legal agreement or dispute between the two authorities.

### EN47 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.  
(7.1abs)

### EN48 WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES – RECYCLE MORE TRIAL

The committee welcome Mr Ricky McCormack to the meeting to present on the Recycle More trial.

He explained that over the last five years the budget has gone from £15million down to £10million and North Devon Council needed to find more efficient ways to deal with or stop doing discretionary service.

Service changes will be

1. introducing weekly food waste collection
2. a change to garden waste service to £36.00 per year for a fortnightly collection in all months apart from November, December and January which will be monthly
3. three weekly black bag collections – increased recycling to unlimited

He explained that North Devon Council has invested in new technology including in-cab devices which will also allow drivers to note of any bins that are not put out.

He further reported that 5 Recycle More Advisors were being employed to help educate the public on recycling and to specifically help the people in the trial areas.

He also explained that the trial would start in June and continue until next year with a consultation around Christmas. He also stated that the Town Council will be kept informed at all stages.

Members thanked Mr McCormack for adding.

EN49      AUDIT WALKS

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Town Clerk send around a list of dates and an Officer from the Highways Department, Devon County Council and the Planning Department at North Devon Council be invited.

(NC)

EN50      MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

There was no business to transact under this item due to appraisals not being completed.

EN51      BARNSTAPLE GATEWAY ENHANCEMENT SCHEME

Members were reported that a request had come through from North Devon Council asking for a contribution towards the Barnstaple Gateway Enhancement Fund. They had been successful in a grant of £36,000 from Great Western Railway for improving the links between Barnstaple Rail Station and the town centre.

Members felt this scheme would be of great benefit to the community and

RESOLVED: That the Town Council contribute a total of £2,000 towards the project and that members are informed of any future meetings and updates on the proposals.

(NC)

Meeting ended at 7.59pm.

Chairman.

Signed .....

Dated .....