Monday 7 December 2009
at 6.00pm

EASTBOURNE
Borough Council

Scrutiny Committee

MEMBERSHIP:-

Councillor MARSDEN (Chairman) Councillors BELSEY, THOMPSON and Miss WOODALL.

Apologies for absence were reported from Councillors Stanley, Heaps and Purchese.

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10 Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2009 were submitted and approved and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

11 Declarations of Interest.

None were received.

12 Audit of Eastbourne Borough Council's Environmental Practices.

The committee considered the report of the Energy Initiatives Officer assessing the Council's best practice with regard to the Environmental practices.

The report highlighted the work of the Community Environment Partnership whose primary objective was to develop, implement and monitor an Environment Strategy that would inform and help deliver the town's environmental priorities. It would also contribute to delivering other local priorities such as health, regeneration and economy. Key areas it would deal with were: Climate change mitigation and adaptation; Air quality; Water supply and use; Waste; Green spaces; Marine and historic environment; Land use; and Biodiversity. The report also provided further information regarding the bike challenges, performance indicators, the staff energy awareness training event, greening transport, Display Energy Certificates, Smart Metering , invest to save building improvements and energy supplies.

The committee were also advised that the Council had received a national award for its partnership work in relation to grants for those hit by fuel poverty and hardship and work on reducing the Council's Carbon Footprint.

The Committee discussed grant criteria, solar panelling and the use of smart meters.

The Energy Initiatives Officer was asked to clarify details under NI 197 and agreed to circulate the information following the meeting.

NOTED.

13 Alcohol and Young People – Monitoring Report.

The committee considered the report of the Licensing Manager regarding the progress towards the recommendations arising from the Scrutiny review of Alcohol and Young People. A full copy of the action plan was attached to the report. The report highlighted the progress made in relations to actions, and whilst a number of key issues had been achieved, additional work would be ongoing in all areas.

The committee were advised that the licensing team was working with off-licences and supermarkets to re think their drinks displays.

NOTED.

The meeting finished at 6.47pm.

Councillor Marsden
Chairman