

EXECUTIVE**DATE: 9TH MARCH 2009****SUBJECT: REFERENCE FROM ENVIRONMENT & NON
EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -
INCLUSION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS
PARAGRAPH ON ALL FUTURE COMMITTEE
REPORTS****REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE (HEAD OF LOCAL
DEMOCRACY)****CONTACT OFFICER: SUSAN ROWLAND 546036****IMPLICATIONS:**

LEGAL	✓	STAFFING
EQUALITIES		COMMUNITY SAFETY
FINANCIAL		RISKS
OTHER		

CONSULTATIONS:

COUNCILLORS CONSULTED	SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CONSULTED
STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTED	OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL**LEAD EXECUTIVE MEMBER(S): Councillor Worliding**

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1. Executive is recommended to include an Environmental Clearance Paragraph on all future Committee reports.**

REPORT

- 2. At its meeting on the 21st January 2009 Environment and Non Executive Functions Scrutiny Committee received a report from The Principal Climate Change Officer informing the Committee that the Council must comply with**

the Carbon Reduction Commitment as it involved a financial penalty for non-compliance of 10% of its annual energy spend from 2010. This penalty was likely to increase each year.

3. The Committee were informed that climate change was a fairly new issue and agenda for both officers and Members, and there was nothing specific in writing at the present time. The Head of Engineering and Transportation as Chair of the Luton Climate Change Group would be promoting work, starting developments, improving appropriate policies and engaging with Members and Officers.
4. Members recommended that the Executive considers approval for an environmental implications paragraph to be included on all future committee reports.
5. Environment and Non Executive Functions Scrutiny Committee resolved:-

“That the Executive be requested to include an Environmental clearance paragraph on all future Committee reports.”

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no legal implications to this report and this has been agreed by Richard Stevens Solicitor in Legal Services on 20th February 2009.

OPTIONS

7. Executive can agree the recommendations of Environment and Non Executive Functions Scrutiny Committee to include an Environmental clearance paragraph on all future Committee reports.
8. Executive can note the recommendations of Environment and Non Executive Functions Scrutiny Committee to include an Environmental clearance paragraph on all future Committee reports.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report ENEFSC 11/01/09
Minute 5/01/09