

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2008 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Mawle, D.L. (Chairman)
Yates, Ms. W. (Vice-Chairman)

Alcott, G.	Easton, Mrs. D.M.
Ball, G.D.	Easton, R.
Burnett, J.	Jones, R.
Bullock, L.W.	Jones, Mrs. A.E.

(An apology for absence was received from Councillor A. Williams, Environment Leader)

24. Declaration of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>	<u>Type</u>
Bullock, L. W.	Member has dealings with street cleansing sister company of Greenstar	Personal
Councillor Mrs. D. M. Easton	Member of Brereton & Ravenhill Parish Council	Personal
Councillor R. Easton	Member of Brereton & Ravenhill Parish Council	Personal

25. Minutes

AGREED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2008 be approved as a correct record.

26. Waste Recycling

The Select Committee received a presentation from Mr. Arthur Ready, Group Commercial Manager, Greenstar on waste recycling facilities provided by the Company.

He reported that due to climate change, the provision of sustainable waste management and

renewable energy was considered to be of utmost importance. Companies had legal obligations to provide proof of how they disposed of their trade waste and often employed companies to do this on their behalf. Companies were being encouraged to send trade waste to be recycled.

Greenstar handled 270,000 tonnes of waste per annum with a full network of materials being recycled. A new plant at Aldridge was scheduled to start production from 1 April 2008. This plant would provide further facilities, allowing additional types of plastic and yellow pages to be recycled and would automatically colour sort glass. An official opening would be held and the Select Committee would be invited to attend a tour of the plant.

Greenstar was fully audited by the Environment Agency and an outside auditor, with a clear trail of the waste recycling process being in place. Where possible the end product of paper, glass, cans etc., were redistributed in the United Kingdom, but where production exceeded demand, the remainder was exported.

The Head of Environmental Services informed the Select Committee that the recycling service had evolved over the years and the Council was working towards making it as user friendly as possible for residents to recycle. The types of containers in which the waste would be collected would continue to be explored. When the plant at Aldridge was in production with additional facilities for recycling becoming available, these would be fully publicised.

The Select Committee thanked Mr. Ready for the comprehensive presentation.

27. Work Programme of the Environment Select Committee

Consideration was given to the Work Programme of the Select Committee.

AGREED:

That the Select Committee at its meeting scheduled for 7 April 2008, consider the following issues:-

- (A) An action plan on air quality management.
- (B) A report on bus shelter provision within Cannock Chase

CHAIRMAN