

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND WASTE POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

MEETING, 4TH NOVEMBER, 2015

Present – Councillors Jones (Vice-Chairman), Allen, Chadwick, Hayes, Peel, Irving, Richardson and Sherrington.

Officers

Ms. S. Schofield	Assistant Director Neighbourhood and Regulatory Services
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Ms. J. McCracken	Principal Environmental Health Officer
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Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer
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(An apology for absence was received from Councillor A. S. Walsh)

Councillor Jones in the Chair

11. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th October, 2015 were submitted and signed as a correct record subject to the deletion of the word Chairman after Councillor Jones in the attendance list and the substitution therefor of the words Vice-Chairman.

12. THE CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of the draft Contaminated Land Strategy for Bolton.

By way of background information the report explained that the contaminated land regime was set out in part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act, 1990 and gave specific legal powers and duties to local authorities. It was a statutory requirement of the legislation that every local authority adopted a contaminated land strategy.

Bolton Council adopted its first contaminated Land Strategy in 2001.

The report explained that based on further regulations and statutory guidance documents that had been published by central government and further supporting contaminant thresholds since the production of the initial strategy this revised draft strategy had been produced.

A copy of the revised draft strategy was appended to the report.

Members in their discussions referred to –

- Contamination from historical industries;
- Housing build on contaminated land;
- Environmental insurance issues;
- Selling of contaminated land;
- Contaminated buildings;and
- The planning process.

It was agreed that the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services be recommended to allow the draft contaminated land strategy to be sent out for external peer review and then for public consultation prior to submission of a final draft for adoption.

(The meeting started at 5.30pm and finished at 6.10pm)