

To: Executive Board – 16 January 2006

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Environment Scrutiny Committee – 28 November 2005

50. STAFF TRAVEL PLAN

The Human Resources Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Members noted that the options to provide further shower and change facilities were still being considered. They suggested the car allowance scheme needed to be balanced to encourage the use of smaller environmentally friendly vehicles.

Resolved to note the report and ASK THE EXECUTIVE BOARD to agree to the revision of the car allowance scheme to encourage the use of small eco-friendly vehicles.

(The Human Resource Business Manager's report is attached at Appendix 1.)

53. FLOOD PLAN

The Emergency Planning Officer submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Members raised issues as follows: -

- Bullstake Close flooding;
- flash flooding;
- the need for adequate full time cover for the Emergency Planning Officer when he is away. Mr Gosling said that an impending review of his reporting lines might enable the matter to be considered further;
- availability of sandbags and subsequent removal;
- suggested further consideration the role of the Police and Fire Service when attending incidents of flooding such as the way in which road closures and traffic restrictions are carried out by the Police and the evacuation assistance available through the Fire Service;
- John Hill said that the inter-agency working group set up through the Environmental Scrutiny Committee was picking up on many of the issues relating to liaison and communication. Members suggested that a briefing note might be prepared for circulation to the Area Committees picking up on any particular issues for their area. Mr. Hill said that he would take this to the Group.

Resolved to RECOMMEND THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

1. that the issue of full time cover for the Emergency Planning Officer when he is away be considered -it may be appropriate to have a number of named contacts;
2. that a report on the implications of the Flooding and the Emergency Plan is presented to area committees;
3. the flooding emergency plan should include information on liaison with police and fire services in Oxford;
4. that flooding liaison groups be established in parts of the city that may be affected by floods - it was suggested a pilot was started in Wolvercote.

(The Emergency Planning Officer's report is attached at Appendix 2.)

NOTE: Any outstanding recommendations from recent meetings of the Finance Scrutiny Committee will be reported orally at the meeting.