

Title of Report:	Greener Select Committee
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
Date of Meeting:	1 March 2011

Purpose of Report: To provide an update on the work of the Select Committee.

Recommended Action: To note the information.

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

1.1 This report provides an update on the work undertaken by the Greener Select Committee since the report made at the last OSMC meeting.

2. Progress made

2.1 At the meeting of Council on 31 January 2011 Members considered the Greener Select Committee's response to two petitions regarding renewable energy.

2.2 Members of Council requested that the Greener Select Committee hold a special meeting to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2010 relating to the renewable energy report to clarify the recommendations being proposed.

2.3 A special meeting of the Greener Select Committee was called by the Head of Policy and Communication and held on 16 February 2011.

2.4 The minutes of the Greener Select Committee held on 14 December 2010 were signed as a true and correct record.

2.5 As the minutes were signed as a true and correct record the renewable energy report would be considered by Council on 3 March 2011 as previously presented.

2.6 At the special meeting of the Greener Select Committee Members agreed that they could propose an amendment to the renewable energy report at Council.

2.7 It was proposed that an amendment could be made to recommendation 4 of the Council report to include community groups.

2.8 The proposed new recommendation would therefore read 'That the Council investigates introducing a loan scheme to assist schools *and community groups* undertaking renewable energy projects'. The Chairman and Vice Chairman indicated that they would be happy to propose and second the Amendment.

3. Update on OSMC minutes

3.1 As the Chairman of the Greener Select Committee had to give her apologies, the Chairman of OSMC requested that a reply be given to the comments raised at the meeting.

3.2 The following points are made to clarify the issues raised by OSMC with regards to the Greener Select Committees deliberations:

- (1) There had been no noticeable change in the level of fly tipping since the new waste management contract was introduced. The statistics showed that the previous year had seen a reduction in fly tipping.
- (2) Items left by the owner / occupant of a property on that property were not classed as fly tipping.

- (3) The Council recorded incidents of fly tipping whilst Sovereign Housing recorded the number of items dumped, this is why there was a difference in the level of fly tipping reported. Officers from both organisations were already discussing how incidents are reported.
- (4) Recycling centres did accept paint pots as long as the paint had been solidified. This could easily be done by adding sand or soil.

4. Discussion items scheduled for the next meeting

- 4.1 The next meeting of the Greener Select Committee is scheduled to take place on 8 March 2011.
- 4.2 The Committee will no longer be receiving an update on renewable energy due to the delay in Council resolving the recommendations of the renewable energy report.

5. Work Programme

- 5.1 The latest work programme for the Select Committee is contained within Appendix A of item 18 of this agenda.

Appendices

Minutes of the Special Greener Select Committee 16 February 2011 will be tabled at the meeting.