

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2026

Present:

Councillor Caroline Smith (Chair) (in the Chair)
Councillor Frank Adlington-Stringer (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Richard Beech
Councillor Tony Lacey

Councillor Alex Dale
Councillor Fran Petersen

Also Present:

T Burdett	Programmes Manager and Interim Economic Development & Regeneration Manager
L Taylor	Economic Development & Programmes Support Officer
A Bashir	Improvement Officer
J Hayden	Senior Scrutiny Officer
T Scott	Governance and Scrutiny Officer

ESC/ Apologies for Absence **42/2**

5-26 Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Kathy Clegg, Councillor Lilian Deighton and Councillor Carolyn Renwick.

ESC/ Declarations of Interest **43/2**

5-26 There were no declarations of interest.

ESC/ Minutes of Last Meeting **44/2**

5-26 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Environment Scrutiny Committees held on 17 November 2025 and 8 December 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.

ESC/ Performance Management **45/2**

5-26 The Improvement Officer presented a report to the Committee summarising progress on the strategies underpinning the Council Plan objective 'A great place that cares for the environment' for the period ending 31 December 2025.

RESOLVED – That progress against the Council Plan "A great place that cares for the environment" objective was noted.

ESC/ Climate Change Action Plan Update **46/2**

5-26 The Programmes Manager presented Members with a draft Climate Change Strategy Action Plan Update.

Members were informed that the Action Plan was a large document with a number of actions underneath each strand.

The Committee were given an overview of the key achievements, progress against actions and next steps.

The Programmes Manager explained that the department had appointed an Economic Development & Programmes Support Officer, and this would help with supporting the workload.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**ESC/
47/2**

Update on Wingerworth Lido

5-26 The Chair gave an update on the situation with the Wingerworth Lido review. The Chair explained that she had been to a Cabinet meeting to present the final recommendations of their review.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that since the Cabinet meeting, Council Officers had been moving forward with the recommendations. An action plan had been drafted and discussions were currently underway with the Angling Club, local parish, DWT and other stakeholders so that a temporary fishing licence could be issued.

Members requested that an officer update on progress with the recommendations on the Lido be added to the Work Programme for July 2026.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**ESC/
48/2**

Fly-Tipping - Additional Information

5-26 The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that Members had received additional statistical data on fly-tipping following the last meeting, where they requested fly-tipping comparisons with other nearby local authorities.

Members were presented with a table of figures for fly-tipping incidents and instances for each area.

Members asked whether it was possible to check the fine figures in terms of charge levels and those actually paid as many authorities were reporting zero payments from fines, but also check whether the two-tiered system used in Sheffield had been considered and whether the officers could provide this information at some point in the future. The Senior Scrutiny Officer advised that she would speak to the officers.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**ESC/
49/2**

Cabinet Business

5-26 The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented a digest of Cabinet decisions taken since the last Committee meeting in November 2025. The digest set out key information for each decision.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer also presented Members with the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions for the period between 15 January and to 15 February.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

ESC/ Policy Development

50/2

5-26

The Senior Scrutiny Officer informed the Committee that there were no major policies for Members to consider.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

ESC/ Work Programme

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The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented the draft Work Programme 2025/26 for the Committee to consider.

RESOLVED – That the Work Programme 2025/26 be approved.

ESC/ Additional Urgent Items

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None.

ESC/ Date of Next Meeting

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The next meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to take place on 11 May 2026 at 10.30am.