

Title of Report : RADLEY LAKES

Report of : Secretary to the Joint Committee

To : Oxfordshire Waste Partnership Joint Committee

Date : 11th July 2008

Item No 17

Purpose of report : To seek decisions of the Joint Committee on the protection of Radley Lakes, and on the wider issue of the beneficial use of PFA in the interests of good environmental and resource management.

Recommendation(s) : The Joint Committee is RECOMMENDED to consider asking the Secretary to the Joint Committee to write RWE npower to express the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership's support for the Save Radley Lakes Campaign, and to the Government to commend for serious consideration the ideas in the paper from Peter Harbour.

Key decision : Not Applicable

Portfolio Holder : Not Applicable

Scrutiny Responsibility : Not Applicable

Ward(s) affected : Not Applicable

Report Approved by : Tim Sadler (Executive Director, Oxford City Council)

Policy Framework : Not applicable

1. At the full Council meeting of the City Council on 18th February 2008, Council both received an address from The Save Radley Lakes Campaign and considered a Motion put down by City members. The Motion was adopted. Both the address and Motion are attached to this report as Annexes 1 and 2. Annex 1 among other things seeks a financial contribution from the City Council. Annex 2 asks the Council's Executive to consider ways in which it might support any action taken by other Councils to preserve Radley Lakes.

2. When the City Council's Executive considered the matter it decided as follows:-

- (a) to make no financial contribution towards the cost of the judicial review;

- (b) to send a letter to RWE npower welcoming its decision to defer the filling in of Radley Lakes with coal ash from Didcot Power Station and inviting the company to re-open a dialogue with Radley Parish Council to discuss the future of the Lakes;
- (c) to ask the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership to write to RWE npower collectively in support of the Save Radley Lakes Campaign;
- (d) to invite the Save Radley Lakes Campaign to contact the Lord Mayor's Secretary regarding the possibility of making the Town Hall available to the organisation free of charge for a fund-raising event.

On the matter of a contribution, the Vale of White Horse District Council's Executive on 6th June declined a request from Radley Parish Council to provide support.

- 3. This matter is before the Joint Committee because the City Executive wanted that to happen and because the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership has some locus in it.
- 4. In deciding what to do, the Joint Committee will be interested in the following two papers:-
 - a) Press release by RWE npower issued on 18th February 2008 (Annex 3).
 - b) Paper written by Peter Harbour of the Save Radley Lakes Campaign (Annex 4).
- 5. The City Council's Executive has invited the Joint Committee to write to RWE npower in support of the Save Radley Lakes Campaign. The Committee is invited to consider asking the Secretary to the Committee to do this. The paper from Peter Harbour asks that the arguments in his paper "be developed by those in Oxfordshire who are responsible for waste (Oxfordshire Waste Partnership)". On this, the Joint Committee is being to ask the Secretary to write to the Government to commend to it for serious consideration the ideas in the paper from Peter Harbour.

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Background Papers: None



