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# Cabinet – Supplement

**Monday, 11th December, 2023 at 5.00 pm**  
**Park Suite, Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham**

Councillors:	Martin Boffey	Leader
	John Milne	Deputy Leader and Planning & Infrastructure
	Mark Baynham	Finance & Resources
	Colette Blackburn	Climate Action & Nature Recovery
	Ruth Fletcher	Local Economy & Place
	Jay Mercer	Environmental Health, Recycling & Waste
	Jon Olson	Leisure, Culture & Green Spaces
	Sam Raby	Housing, Communities & Wellbeing

You are summoned to the meeting to transact the following business

Jane Eaton  
Chief Executive

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<b>Questions from the Public</b>	
1	<p>Where can I find the revised site assessments for all sites being considered within the HDC Local Plan process using the updated site assessment template as seen in Horsham District Council document reference HDCIR:7154?</p> <p>I can only find the old template for site assessments within the evidence base for the Local Plan &amp; this leads me to question if all sites being considered have been reviewed against the new template and criteria. The site assessment process needs to be equitable, open, consistent &amp; transparent if the resultant decisions are to be robust and evidenced and the site owners/site promoters need to be able to review the assessments to ensure the evidence supplied to HDC has been correctly presented. I ask because the site assessment in Horsham District Council document reference HDCIR:7154 was only sent to me yesterday &amp; I have been unable to find it within the evidence base for the Local Plan.</p>
2	<p>What evidence does Horsham District Council have to support Energy from Waste being considered as a renewable energy and a contributor to its low carbon targets, compared to the evidence supplied by UK Without Incineration Network, to the Horsham incinerator planning appeal?</p>
3	<p>Under the Regulation 18 Consultation, Sport England (SE) objected to part of Policy 46 Community Facilities stating that it was non-compliant with National Policy in that it would reduce the protection for Sport, Leisure &amp; Recreation facilities. They even suggested a wording modification to remedy the problem. Despite this important response from a statutory consultee, the 2021 draft local plan failed to make any change to the policy wording, apart from renumbering it as Policy 45.</p> <p>The 2023 draft has still not modified this policy number (now 28) to make it Compliant.</p> <p>This is potentially a 'groundhog day' repeat of what happened with the HDPF that ultimately resulted in the Planning Inspector insisting that HDC modify the equivalent policy 43, when HDC could have listened to both SE and the public and made the change much earlier in the process.</p> <p>Will HDC explain why it has again failed to react to this important objection and persisted with a wording that would potentially allow re-development of such facilities based on financial viability without taking fully into account the sporting need, in clear breach of NPPF para 99?</p>
4	<p>(question refers to Draft Local Plan chapter 8). Would the Council please provide information on the assessment that has been made of the capacity of Rusper Parish's rural road network to safely carry the expected additional density of traffic stemming from the Local Plan's cumulative building allocation to Rusper Parish and its immediate vicinity.</p>
5	<p>Strategic Policy 7 - Appropriate Energy  The paragraph states that Renewable and low carbon energy sources can include Energy from Waste (EfW). Clarification is required on the definition of EfW as while</p>

this can be low carbon when sourced from say Anaerobic Digestion (AD), it is certainly NOT Renewable or Low Carbon when sourced from an incinerator. If the latter, then it should not appear in the list at all. If the former, then this should be specified as such. The list as it stands, could imply an energy hierarchy, in which it is potentially putting EfW incinerators ahead of Solar and Wind.

What is your definition of EfW, from what source? If this includes incineration then this is not Renewable or Low Carbon.