

MERSEY VALLEY JOINT COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 April 2010

PRESENT:

Manchester City Council

Councillor Fender – **In the Chair**
Councillor Burns
Councillor Morrison
Christine Crisp - Chief Executive's Department

Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council

Councillor Baugh
Councillor Coupe
Councillor Griffin
Alan Barton – Parks and Countryside Service

Co-opted Members

Mr Philip Gratrix

Warden Service

Steve Marshall

MER/09/48 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Eadie, Co-opted member and Jennifer Atkinson, Manchester Planning

MER/09/49 Minutes

Decision

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2010

MER/09/50 Countryside Warden's Report

A report was submitted informing the Joint Committee of the activities of the Warden Service since the last meeting and detailing forthcoming developments to be carried out within the Mersey Valley.

The Chief Warden informed the Joint Committee that the footpath works at Kenworthy Woods had now been completed and outlined other land management projects that would be undertaken by the Warden Service.

Decision

To note the report.

MER/09/51 Mersey Valley Budget

The budget statement for March 2010 was submitted.

The Chief Warden informed the Joint Committee that they would receive end of year budget figures at the next meeting. Members were given a detailed account of additional income that would be received before the end of the financial year resulting in a balanced budget. The Joint Committee was also given details of projects to be undertaken in the next financial year and the amount of income that would be forthcoming. The Chief Warden stated that he felt confident that the budget for the forthcoming year would be achievable.

Decision

To note the report

MER/09/52 Mersey Valley Audit Update

The Chief Warden submitted a final draft of the Risk Register. The Joint Committee was informed that revisions to the Register had been made following comments at the last meeting. The Register had now been submitted to the Head on Leisure and officially deposited. The Joint Committee was informed that the Internal Audit was due to commence on 12 April 2010.

Decision

To note the Risk Register.

MER/09/53 Development Control

There were no items from Manchester or Trafford.

MER/09/54 Date of next meeting

Decision

To note that the Annual General Meeting of the Joint Committee will be held on 9 June 2010 at 1.30 pm at Wythenshawe Hall.