



Brighton & Hove  
City Council

# Overview & Scrutiny

Title:	<b>Culture, Tourism &amp; Enterprise Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee Ad-Hoc Panel – Environmental Industries</b>
Date:	<b>23 April 2009</b>
Time:	<b>10.00am</b>
Venue	<b>Committee Room 2, Brighton Town Hall</b>
Members:	<b>Councillors:</b> Randall (Chairman), Davis and Harmer-Strange
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The Panel will hear from:

- Ted Kemble, Cabinet Member for Enterprise, Employment and Major Projects
- Zoe Osmond, University of Brighton
- Professor Jim Lynch, Distinguished Professor of Life Sciences at University of Surrey and Senior Advisor for SEEDA
- Gary Smith and Rob Macey, GMB Union
- Mike Herd, Executive Director, Sussex Innovation Centre (SInC), University of Sussex
- Alan Harris and Sharon Greenaway, Centre for Business Enterprise, Kingston College

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## Agenda Item 6

### To consider the following Procedural Business:

#### A. Declaration of Substitutes

No substitutes are permitted on ad hoc scrutiny panels.

#### B. Declarations of Interest

- (1) To seek declarations of any personal or personal & prejudicial interests under Part 2 of the Code of Conduct for Members in relation to matters on the Agenda. Members who do declare such interests are required to clearly describe the nature of the interest.
- (2) A Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission, an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or a Select Committee has a prejudicial interest in any business at a meeting of that Committee where –
  - (a) that business relates to a decision made (whether implemented or not) or action taken by the Executive or another of the Council's committees, sub-committees, joint committees or joint sub-committees; and
  - (b) at the time the decision was made or action was taken the Member was
    - (i) a Member of the Executive or that committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee and
    - (ii) was present when the decision was made or action taken.
- (3) If the interest is a prejudicial interest, the Code requires the Member concerned:
  - (a) to leave the room or chamber where the meeting takes place while the item in respect of which the declaration is made is under consideration. [There are three exceptions to this rule which are set out at paragraph (4) below].
  - (b) not to exercise executive functions in relation to that business and
  - (c) not to seek improperly to influence a decision about that business.
- (4) The circumstances in which a Member who has declared a prejudicial interest is permitted to remain while the item in respect of which the interest has been declared is under consideration are:
  - (a) for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the item, provided that the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose, whether under a statutory right or otherwise, BUT the

Member must leave immediately after he/she has made the representations, answered the questions, or given the evidence;

- (b) if the Member has obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee; or
- (c) if the Member is the Leader or a Cabinet Member and has been required to attend before an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committee to answer questions.

**C. Declaration of Party Whip**

To seek declarations of the existence and nature of any party whip in relation to any matter on the Agenda as set out at paragraph 8 of the Overview and Scrutiny Ways of Working.

**D. Exclusion of Press and Public**

To consider whether, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting when any of the following items are under consideration.

*NOTE: Any item appearing in Part 2 of the Agenda states in its heading the category under which the information disclosed in the report is confidential and therefore not available to the public.*

*A list and description of the exempt categories is available for public inspection at Brighton and Hove Town Halls.*

## Agenda Item 9

### **Biographies of the witnesses for the panel meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009**

#### **Zoe Osmond, University of Brighton**

Zoe is the Business Development Manager – Environment, in the School of Environment and Technology at the University. It is a business facing university with strong expertise in environmental technologies and services, including:

- Sustainable organisations
- Environmental management
- Low carbon technologies
- Community engagement

Their aim is to link the best academic and business brains to lead to powerful applied innovation. Examples of the projects they have worked with businesses on include:

- Developing biofuel pellets from wood waste
- Developing thermally efficient swimming pool covers
- Commercialising a soil clean up technology

#### **Professor Jim Lynch,**

Professor Lynch is a senior adviser for SEEDA who was appointed to develop the International Institute for Sustainability (IfS) and a Science and Innovation Campus in Sustainability in the Thames Gateway.

The IfS is a place where business people and academics can work together to address major challenges to society and develop solutions.

The Campus aims to bring academics and businesses together to accelerate innovation in terms of products and processes. It will unite the best public and private research in areas such as sustainable technologies, to support the sustainable development of the Thames Gateway.

He is also Distinguished Professor of Life Sciences at the University of Surrey, Chairman of Terraform PLC and Director of C-Questor PLC.

#### **Gary Smith and Rob Macey, GMB** (biographies to follow)

## **Mike Herd, SInC**

Mike Herd has been the Director at the Sussex Innovation Centre, a technology business incubator, since 1997. The Centre, based at the University of Sussex, provides tailored accommodation and assistance to over 80 early-stage technology companies and has developed a wide range of specialist entrepreneurial support initiatives. The Centre has a high profile nationally, an excellent track record and is frequently cited as an example of best practice.

Mike was named Sussex Businessman of the Year in November 2000 and given the National Achievement in Business Incubation Award in 2007. Sussex Innovation Centre was runner-up in the 2004 UKBI's Incubator Exemplar awards.

Mike joined the Innovation Centre after 15-years in the oil industry, where as a rock physicist and petroleum engineer, he undertook technical projects in over 20 countries, as well as running consultancy and software groups.

## **Sharon Greenaway and Alan Harris, Centre for Business Enterprise Kingston College**

Sharon Greenaway is the Director of the Centre for Business Enterprise at Kingston College and Alan Harris is the Centre Manager.

Kingston College and Carshalton College have jointly established the Power and Assessment Training Centre. It is a dedicated state-of-the-art assessment and training facility, which delivers training for the Gas and Electrical industries.

In the near future, the centre will be expanding further and delivering sustainable energy training courses, specifically for Wind Turbine and Solar Panels. The Centre has a vast amount of staff expertise, which continually develops bespoke courses within a range of energy environments.