

**RIVER MEASE – IMPACT ON DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY
MEETING
MINUTES**

**Wednesday 23 June 2010 – 6.30 p.m.
Room 103**

Attendees

Councillors

G Jones, A Saffell

Officers

Chris Elston, Development Control Manager
Keith Gordon, Senior Scrutiny Officer
Ian Nelson, Spatial Planning Manager

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Wyatt.

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2010 were confirmed as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillor G Jones declared that he represented the area as a Councillor.

4. River Mease – Impact on Development – An Update

The Spatial Planning Manager expanded upon the report and updated.

It was unlikely that the agencies would find a single solution but more likely a number of responses over time with evolving technology.

A further water cycle study would require funding estimated in the region of £35,000. The council was looking to share the cost with partners. Members suggested that the council could approach developers in the area to contribute towards the costs.

The Spatial Planning Manager reported that although Severn Trent Water was required to provide connections to new dwellings, it currently operated within a consent capacity that the Environment Agency had based upon the best technology available.

The Development Control Manager reported on difficulties explaining the situation to holders of valid planning permissions that could not be permitted to build.

Members welcomed the continuing search for a long-term solution to the issue and agreed that the Working Party should continue with a further meeting in September.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer reminded Members that the Working Party was required constitutionally to report within six months of its establishment.

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.