Appendix 2

Task group membership

The following councillors have expressed an interest in participating in the task group. The names are listed in order of receipt:

- 1. Councillor Rabi Martins
- 2. Councillor Sara-Jane Trebar
- 3. Councillor Jessica Stiff
- 4. Councillor Peter Jeffree
- 5. Councillor Mark Hofman

Task groups must comprise between three and five councillors and are not required to be politically balanced.

Councillor Jessica Stiff would like to chair the task group and has provided the following statement:

I would be keen to put myself forward as chair for this as I consider it extremely important that we get our sustainability strategy right. Sustainability is an area that I am passionate about and have spent a significant amount of time and energy learning about and seeking to understand through both formal resources such as the training provided at the (Lib Dems) annual conference, taking Alevels in Physics and Organic Chemistry, and through less formal means such as reading articles (always with a critical eye on the source) and researching the statistics and implications. When it comes to sustainability there are many ways of seeking to have a positive impact, but then not achieving this due to not looking at the wider picture for all the elements that might have impact, for example electric cars can be seen as a panacea but there are both positives and negatives of switching to electric cars, for example if you switch to an electric car and use it for only two years having got rid of an alternative vehicle, the pollution produced in manufacturing that electric car will be far worse than any saved by switching to an electric vehicle for two years. Sustainability is far wider than just transport, it is appropriate materials, insulation, consumption reduction, education, lifestyle and economics.

Sustainability needs to run through our core as a council, from tree planting to sustainable building, to waste management, technology and town planning. I am keen to look at how we can improve on what we've done so far, and make Watford greener!