

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

MEETING, 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

Present – Councillors Silvester (Chairman), Pickup (Vice-Chairman), Allen, L. Byrne, Gibbon, Harkin, Haslam, Hornby, Haworth (as deputy for Councillor Bury), Kellett, Martin, Mistry, Newall, Parkinson and J. Walsh.

### Also in Attendance

Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services
Councillor Burrows	Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood, Police and community Services
Councillor Chadwick	Cabinet Member for Special Projects, Transport and Skills
Councillor Sherrington	Cabinet Member for Housing, Procurement and Highways
Councillor Watters	Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Voluntary Sector and Community Services
Mr. S. Young	Director of Place
Mr. J. Morrissy	Interim Assistant Director, Policy, Projects and Public Sector Reform
Ms. L. Swann	Assistant Head of Waste and Fleet Strategy
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Bury.

Councillor Silvester, Chairman

### **1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 were submitted.

Further to minute 40, The Support provided to Travellers, The Financial Implications in Relation to Asylum Seekers and the Strategy for the Future and the Work undertaken with the Voluntary Sector, members sought details of the clean-up costs regarding illegal encampments and cost recovery.

Resolved – (i) That the minutes be agreed and signed as a correct record.

(ii) That details of the clean-up costs regarding illegal encampments and cost recovery be circulated to members of this Committee.

## **2. THE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

Mr. Stephen Young, Director of Place gave a presentation which outlined the remit of his Department and its structure. Also referred to were the Bolton 2030 priorities and the Department's priority themes 2017/2019.

The presentation concluded by suggesting a number of possible topics for the work programme for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

Members were also furnished with a copy of the Committee remit and the work programme from 2016/17 to aid them in their deliberations.

Members in their discussions referred to the following possible options as work programme items –

- Issues regarding the loss of water supply to the northern part of the Borough in 2015;
- Information regarding regulatory services and enforcement activities;
- Town centre development and a look at these as they emerge;
- The impact of losing the custody suite;
- Anti-social behaviour in more depth e.g. impact of Police reductions;
- The work of voluntary organisations and the championing thereof;

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- The cost of household waste and bulky waste – comparison of cost and general effectiveness;
- Crime and disorder work – taking action;
- Trading standards work e.g. underage firework sales and tattoo regulation;
- Fly tipping on unadopted back streets;
- Fees and charges covering the full service cost;
- The provision of police and court facilities in Bolton. The closure of cells and its impact. How the Police budget was spent. What changes had been made to the police priorities;
- Budget for repairs of unclassified roads and pavements. How the priorities of the roads and pavements were decided;
- What plans were there for future roads in the Bolton area to service possible future housing development such as proposals for Hulton, Westhoughton, the north and east of the Borough;
- Fly tipping. How the new penalty was impacting. Fly tipping on private property and measures which could be implemented to counter it;
- Conservation area, country parks and the state of the public footpaths;
- The state of the housing stock, the safety standards regime and frequency of checking including both social housing association and private landlords;
- The adequacy of the fire protection provision for Bolton;
- Sickness absence and practical measures being taken to reduce the level;
- The working of the anti-social behaviour unit and its effectiveness;
- The impact of the devolution and the office of the elected mayor on transport;
- The future of the Greater Manchester spatial plan following from the objections/ comments made and the new Mayors office;
- The new waste contract and its impact and the financial implications – would it be more embracing in terms of variety of waste that could be recycled;
- The state and management of the parks, the refurbishment of the play equipment. The availability of

outside funding – grants from lottery, greenspace, sports charities etc.;

- Review of the profit and loss account for licensing including income and expenditure under various headings; and
- The scale of gambling in Bolton, number of betting shops, gaming machines. The planning regime and its impact on Bolton residents and vulnerable people.

It was also mentioned that matters around the Community Safety Partnership would be suitable to come before the next meeting of this Committee.

Resolved – (i) That the various documents and the presentation be noted.

(ii) That the suggested work programme items be noted and that discussions be now held with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of this Committee and the Director and a draft programme be prepared for agreement at the next meeting.

### **3. RECYCLING PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

Ms. Laura Swann, The Assistant Head of Waste and Fleet Strategy gave a presentation which specifically updated the Committee on the progress of the slim bin roll out as at the end of May, 2017.

The report also provided details of –

- Performance monitoring information including tonnage data, the recycling rate and recycling rate by material type;
- Greater Manchester performance for 2016/17;
- Kg of household waste collected per household;
- Matters around the household waste recycling centres;
- Education and enforcement issues;
- Waste audits;
- Recycling bin deliveries;
- Charging for a 140 litre grey bin;
- Roadshows and events;

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- Working with landlords;
- Engagement with flats and apartments and students; and
- Awards update.

Members in their deliberations referred to –

- The taking back of the 240 and 140 litre bin, what happened to them and the paying for new ones;
- Oldham and Manchester having low figures and what they were currently doing;
- Enforcement officers – difficult job in terms of behaviour change and education. Also their professionalism in keeping members informed;
- Thermal recovery matters;
- Residual waste matters;
- The Raikes Lane figures compared to Salford and measurement issues;
- Green waste management at domestic properties and use of the green bin;
- Home composting and further promotion;
- Recycling of plastics – possible future contracts;
- The successful rolling out of the recycling arrangements and the passing of thanks to the staff;
- Waste audits;
- The disposal of nappies and what Dorset Council were doing in this regard.

Resolved – (i) That the report and discussions thereon be noted.

(ii) That members of this Committee be notified of the arrangements Dorset Council have for the disposal of nappies.

## **4. MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

The minutes of various meetings relevant to the remit of this Committee were also submitted, viz –

- Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services held on 10<sup>th</sup> May and 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

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Resolved – That the minutes of the various meetings be noted.

(The meeting started at 6.00 p.m. and finished at 7.20pm.)