

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING, 10TH JUNE, 2014

Present – Councillors Spencer (Chairman), Allen, L. Byrne, C. Burrows (as deputy for Councillor Silvester), Evans, G. Harkin, Kellett, Martin, Mistry, Pickup, Richardson, A.S. Walsh, J. Walsh and Watters.

Also in Attendance

Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services
Councillor Bashir-Ismail	Cabinet Member for Community Services
Councillor Chadwick	Cabinet Member, Highways and Transport
Councillor D. Burrows	Cabinet Member for Police and Community Services.
Ms. S. Johnson	Borough Treasurer and Chief Officer Support
Mr. M. Cox	Director of Environmental Services
Ms. J. Pollard	Head of Strategic Finance and Accountancy
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Haslam and Silvester and Councillor D. Burrows as Cabinet Member for Police and Community Services.

Councillor Spencer, Chairman.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8th April, 2014 were submitted.

Resolved – That the minutes be received and signed as a correct record.

2. COMMITTEE MEETING DATES, 2014/15 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Committee were apprised of the meeting dates for the Municipal Year, viz –

Tuesday 10th June, 2014 at 6.00pm
Tuesday 19th August, 2014 at 6.00pm
Tuesday 7th October, 2014 at 6.00pm
Tuesday 25th November, 2014 at 6.00pm
Tuesday 10th February, 2015 at 6.00pm
Tuesday 7th April, 2015 at 6.00pm

Resolved – That the meeting dates be noted.

3. THE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME, 2014/15

The Committee received a presentation from the Director of Environmental Services on the big issues and priorities relevant to the remit of this Committee to aid members in their deliberations on possible work programme items.

In addition to the presentation, members were also furnished with –

- The Committee remit; and
- The work programme for the last Municipal Year.

In terms of possible items for inclusion in the 2014/15 work programme, members put forward the following suggestions –

- a briefing on plans for the Albert Halls;
- a look at the relationship between areas of high unemployment in the Borough and poor transport links and the potential for job creation;
- park land assets and use of;
- a review of the success of the use of trading accounts and external income maximisation;
- the grass cutting schedule and community areas strategy;
- recycling and waste and the end of year impact of the new arrangements;
- fly tipping on back streets and enforcement;
- parking enforcement and the guidelines we pass to the contractor; and
- a street lighting modifications update.

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, the Chief Officer Support and the Director and a draft programme be prepared for agreement at the next meeting.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT, QUARTERS TWO AND THREE.

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of the Department's performance information for the period of quarter two and three of 2013/14.

Members in their discussions referred to matters around complaints measurement and the Albert Halls review.

Resolved - That the position be noted.

5. MEMBERS' BUSINESS

The Committee received extracts of other meetings of the Council relevant to the remit of this Committee:

- Executive Cabinet Member for Environment Services held on 7th April and 12th May, 2014;
- Rail Enhancement Policy Development Group held on 23rd April, 2014; and
- Environment and Housing Policy Development Group held on 1st April, 2014.

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

(The meeting started at 6.00 p.m. and finished at 6.53pm)