

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING, 9th JUNE, 2015

Present – Councillors Spencer (Chairman), Silvester (Vice-Chairman), Allen, L. Byrne, Evans, Harkin, Haslam, Hayes, Kellett, Morgan (as deputy for Councillor J. Walsh), Pickup, Richardson, Shaikh and A.S. Walsh.

Also in Attendance

Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services
Councillor Chadwick	Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Community Services
Councillor D. Burrows	Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services Police and Community Safety
Mr. M. Cox	Director of Environmental Services
Mr. S. Young	Assistant Director Development and Regeneration Services
Ms. D. Ball	Assistant Director Waste, Fleet and Community Services
Ms. J. Pollard	Head of Strategic Finance and Accountancy and Deputy Committee Chief Officer Support
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Bury and J. Walsh.

Councillor Spencer, Chairman.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7th April, 2015 were submitted.

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

2. COMMITTEE MEETING DATES, 2015/16 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Members were reminded of the Committee meeting dates for the Municipal Year, viz -

Tuesday 9th June, 2015 at 6.00pm
Tuesday 18th August, 2015 at 6.00pm
Tuesday 6th October, 2015 at 6.00pm
Tuesday 24th November, 2015 at 6.00pm
Tuesday 9th February, 2016 at 6.00pm
Tuesday 5th April, 2016 at 6.00pm

Resolved – That the meeting dates be noted.

3. DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE, QUARTER THREE, 2014/15

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which apprised the Committee of the quarter three performance information for the Department, 2014/15.

Members in their deliberations referred to –

- Matters around depots management and the partnership with Wigan;
- Issues around the recording of sickness statistics;
- Performance sampling across the Borough and whether back streets were included in this;
- The condition of some back streets due to waste;
- The regulation of commercial waste operators;

- Hate crimes and domestic abuse incidents; and
- Perceptions of cleanliness.

Resolved – (i) That the performance report be noted.

(ii) That members of this Committee be notified as to whether the performance sampling undertaken by the Environmental Services Department included back streets.

3. THE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME, 2015/16

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.

Members in their deliberations referred to –

- Bolton at Home grounds maintenance;
- Area Forum monies;
- Transport from Brightmet to Logistics North;
- Waste Collection Teams and income generation; and
- The waste disposal levy.

In terms of possible items for inclusion in the 2015/16 work programme, members put forward the following suggestions –

- The end of year impact of the small bins;
- Warranties regarding contracts on road repairs, including what we had and how they were negotiated;

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- How the success of community safety was measured, including what the Community Safety Partnership did;
- A review of car park usage in Bolton;
- Updates on the Bolton and Wigan partnership;
- Water courses and their environmental value – development of this asset;
- Gas certification at homes;
- The GM Transport Strategy and the opportunities for Bolton including bids; and
- Updates on recycling and residual waste and comparisons with other authorities.

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. MEMBERS' BUSINESS

The Committee received the minutes of other meetings of the Council relevant to the remit of this Committee, viz :-

- Executive Cabinet Member for Environment Services held on 27th April, 2015; and
- An extract of the Cabinet held on 11th May, 2015.

The following questions were submitted by Councillor Hayes in accordance with Standing Order 36 and the answers provided by the Director Of Environmental Services in consultation with the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services,

viz –

Q 1.

What were the recycling figures and residual waste figures broken down by wards or any other smaller area for each of the last three financial years?

A.

Zone Performance for 2012-15 was provided which showed the kg per hh of the different waste streams and the recycling performance in a table and as a graph.

Two maps were also provided to accompany the data. The first (ZONE AS COL DAY) showed the 10 collection zones. The second (ZONE WITH WARD LAYER) showed the wards, to allow and understanding of what areas fell within each zone.

Q2.

What initiatives had been taken in the last three years to increase recycling rates and reduce residual waste in those areas identified as having a poor performance, and what were the costs of those initiatives?

A.

Waste and Recycling Engagement by Zone information was provided.

Resolved – (i) That the minutes of the various meetings be noted.

(ii) That the Members Questions and the answers provided be noted.

(The meeting started at 6.00 p.m. and finished at 7.11pm)

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