

## **ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

A record of decisions made by the Executive Member with responsibility for Environmental Services on:-

**MONDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 2012**

following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

Councillor Zaman	Executive Member for Environmental Services
Councillor Mrs Fairclough	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor D. Wilkinson	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Mr S. Young	Assistant Director of Environmental Services
Mr. J. Kelly	Head of Service Highways Department
Mr. D. Houghton	Head of Service Highways Delivery
Ms. J. Pollard	Policy Accountant
Mr. D. Shepherd	Senior Group Accountant
Mrs. S. Bailey	Principal Democratic Services Officer

### **54. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS**

The Director of Chief Executive's Department submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Member.

**The Executive Member NOTED the report.**

### **55. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE REPORT 2011/12 – QUARTER**

### **THREE**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which provided details of the financial and performance position for the Environmental Services Department as at Quarter Three of the 2011/12 Financial Year.

The report highlighted the following issues:

- Revenue expenditure was projected to underspend against the budget by £82,000;
- the Department had budgeted to use reserves of £143,000;
- Capital expenditure for the quarter totalled £6.787m against a programme of £20.714m;
- the projected reserve position as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011 was £1,226,000 – detailed repayment plans were outlined in the report; and
- efficiency targets were £3,705,000 which included demand led of £200,000 to repay the deficit reserve. The current projection was to achieve 100% of the planned efficiencies.

Specific areas of risk related to the loss of income due to the economic downturn, energy prices for street lighting and winter services.

With regard to the Department's deficit reserves, details of the ongoing repayment plans were provided in the report.

**The Executive Member NOTED the financial position of the Department as at Quarter Three and ENDORSED –**

**The ongoing repayment plan in respect of the Department's deficit reserves.**

**56. TIMBERBOTTOM, BOLTON – REVIEW OF EXPERIMENTAL WAITING RESTRICTIONS (TRAFFIC ORDER 303665)**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which commented on responses received following consultation on the introduction of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order at Timberbottom, Bolton to address problems of obstruction caused by parking.

The report outlined the background to the promotion of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order and provided details of the comments received regarding its operation during the experimental period, with a recommendation that the measure now be made permanent.

**The Executive Member APPROVED –**

**That the waiting restrictions initially introduced on an experimental basis on Timberbottom, be made permanent, and that the Director of Chief Executive's Department be requested to carry out the remaining legal processes to make the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order permanent.**

## **57 WINTER SERVICE OPERATIONAL PLAN**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which put forward an updated Winter Gritting Policy which had been produced in response to the recommendations of the Winter Gritting Scrutiny Panel.

The report reminded the Executive Member that the 2010 Winter Gritting Scrutiny Panel had made a number of recommendations following their investigations into the Winter Gritting Process. One of the areas for service improvement had been to regularly update the Winter Maintenance Code of Practice in order to help to deliver a continued, progressive service.

In this regard, the report put forward an updated and refreshed Highway Winter Service Policy and associated Code of Practice for approval.

All the areas of concern raised by the Scrutiny Panel had been addressed in the new Code.

**The Executive Member APPROVED –**

**The updated Winter Service Policy, as now submitted, for implementation.**