

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING, 7th JUNE, 2016

Present – Councillors Silvester (Chairman), Pickup (Vice-Chairman), Allen, Bury, Harkin, Haslam, Hayes, Hornby, Kellett, Newall, Parkinson, Spencer, J. Walsh and Wild.

Also in Attendance

Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services
Councillor Sherrington	Cabinet Member for Housing, Procurement and Highways
Councillor Watters	Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Voluntary Sector and Community Services
Councillor D. Burrows	Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services Police and Community Safety
Ms. S. Schofield	Assistant Director Neighbourhood Services
Ms. D. Ball	Assistant Director of Community Services
Ms. J. Pollard	Head of Finance and Business Development
Mrs. V. Ridge	Democratic Services Manager

Councillor Silvester in the Chair.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5th April, 2016 were submitted.

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

2. COMMITTEE MEETING DATES, 2016/2017 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Members were reminded of the Committee meeting dates for the 2016/2017 Municipal Year, viz:-

Tuesday 7th June, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.
Tuesday 16th August, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.
Tuesday 4th October, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.
Tuesday 22nd November, 2016 at 6.00 p.m.
Tuesday 7th February, 2017 at 6.00 p.m.
Tuesday 4th April, 2017 at 6.00 p.m.

Resolved – That the meeting dates be noted.

3. DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE, QUARTER THREE, 2015/2016

A joint report of the Director of Place and the Head of Finance and Business Development was submitted which apprised the Committee of the quarter three performance information for the Department for 2015/2016.

The report advised that the Department of Place remained on track to deliver its strategic and operational priorities for the Council and the following areas were highlighted:-

- Positive outputs as a direct result of additional behaviour change funding;
- Co-ordinated response to the unprecedented Boxing Day floods;
- Quarters 1 to 3: 353.31kg household waste collected per household and the recycling rate of 40.2%;
- 27.78% of bulky waste being recycled and re-used;
- 885 uptake of free school meals for key stage 1 pupils;
- Quarters 1 to 3: 8 play areas refurbished/refreshed; and
- 94% litter pass rate in the second Local Environmental Quality borough survey.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

4. THE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016/2017

The Committee received a presentation from Ms. S. Schofield and Ms. D. Ball, Assistant Directors of Place, 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 2016/2017 work programme, members put forward the following suggestions –

- The enforcement of 20 mph speed limits;
- Areas associated with the Greater Manchester Traffic Unit in terms of accountability and influence;
- Feedback following the introduction of the Slim Bins and the progress of the waste audit;
- Recycling rates/flytipping;
- The grass cutting regime, in particular, in relation to bowling greens;
- Review of the road signage within the Borough;
- Issues associated with the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework;
- Issues around the green belt and the housing allocation plan;
- Review the assets of the Authority and, in particular, disused chapels;
- The financial implications in relation to asylum seekers and the strategy for the future;
- The support which is provided to travellers;
- Issues associated with new Bolton Interchange and, in particular, the bus services and the location of the potential car park;

- Areas around the licensed trade;
- A review of the conditions and improvements to be made to the roads within the Borough;
- The potential backlog of highway issues and the concern regarding the increase in cars racing on residential streets;
- The impact and lessons learned in respect of the recent flooding in the Borough;
- The work undertaken with the voluntary sector; and
- Issues associated with United Utilities and the outstanding issue in relation to flooding.

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.

5. 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 25th April, 2016; and
- Environmental Services and Waste Policy Development Group held on 14th April, 2016.

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

(The meeting started at 6.00 p.m. and finished at 7.10 p.m.)