

CLEANER, GREENER, SAFER

A record of decisions made by the Executive Member with responsibility for Cleaner, Greener, Safer on:-

WEDNESDAY, 31ST AUGUST, 2011

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

Councillor Sherrington	Executive Member for Cleaner, Greener, Safer
Councillor Morgan	Main Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor J. Rothwell	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Ms. D. Ball	Assistant Director of Environmental Services – Waste and Fleet Management
Mr. S. Young	Assistant Director of Environmental Services – Highways and Business Development
Ms. J. Pollard	Policy Accountant
Mrs. V. Ridge	Principal Democratic Services Officer

7. 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.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD – QUARTER ONE

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which informed the Executive Member of the performance of

the Environmental Services Department at Quarter One of 2011/12.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2011/12 – QUARTER ONE

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which informed the Executive Member of the financial position of the Environmental Services portfolio as at the end of Quarter One of the 2011/12 Financial Year.

With regard to Revenue Expenditure, the report advised that revenue expenditure was projected to underspend against the budget by £91,000.

The Department had budgeted to use reserves of £3,000.

There were no main variances to report.

Capital expenditure for the quarter totalled £620k against a programme of £21.715m.

With regard to reserves, the Department's projected deficit reserve position at 31st March 2012 was £1,159,000

Detailed repayment plans were included within the report.

Budgeted efficiency savings for the Department were £3,705,000 which included demand led of £200,000 to repay the deficit reserve. The current projection was to achieve all planned efficiencies.

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

The Executive Member NOTED the financial position of the Department at Quarter One and; ENDORSED –

The ongoing repayment plan in respect of the Department's deficit reserves, as detailed in the report now submitted.

10. WASTE MINIMISATION – INCREASING PARTICIPATION AND REDUCING CONTAMINATION

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which updated the Executive Member on the work achieved to date in minimising waste and increasing recycling participation and outlined proposals to undertake further initiatives to improve performance.

The Waste and Recycling Programme was currently split into the following areas:-

- waste minimisation and the roll out of the new food and green waste service;
- increased recycling and reduced contamination;
- Defra Household Reward and Recognition Fund for Recycling and Re-use.

The report outlined the action taken to date in all the areas and various initiatives undertaken and planned in order to deliver the targets.

The report highlighted in particular the following issues:-

- the increasing challenges faced by rising cost of waste disposal due to infrastructure costs and landfill cost issues;
- the establishment of a new group which would be tackling low participation areas and attempting to increase involvement;
- the submission of a bid to DEFRA to improve mobile technology and launch a recycling

recognition scheme;

- the contamination process and the need for an accepted way forward to deal with persistent contaminators of the recycling containers;
- work currently being conducted on waste minimisation projects and the partnership working with the WDA on Waste Reduction Week; and
- the commencement of the food and garden waste service as agreed by the Executive Member for Cleaner, Greener, Safer at her meeting on 28th March 2011 and the progress to date on the roll out.

The Executive Member NOTED the report and the actions referred to therein and APPROVED –

The approach for dealing with persistent offenders who contaminate the recycling containers namely the removal of the recycling containers from the property once all the Council's existing procedures to address the issue have been exhausted.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The background papers and reports in relation to the following item were considered confidential as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of each case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.

11. PROPOSED POLICY AND PERFORMANCE DIVISIONAL REVIEW 2012/13

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report that proposed a review of the Policy and Performance Division within the Environmental Services Department in light of the

savings and efficiencies targets agreed by the Executive on 28th February, 2011.

The Executive Member was reminded that the Division had to find savings of £336,000 in 2011/12 which was made up of £253,000 from Environmental Services; £70,000 from Corporate Resources and £13,000 from Development and Regeneration.

The report included proposals as to how these savings would be achieved.

The report would also be considered by the other relevant Executive Members.

The Executive Member AGREED –

The proposals, for consultation with trades unions, staff and stakeholders.