

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING, 10th FEBRUARY, 2015

Present – Councillors Spencer (Chairman), Silvester (Vice-Chairman), Allen, L. Byrne, Bury, Evans, G. Harkin, Haslam, Kellett, Mistry, Pickup, Richardson, A. S. Walsh and Watters.

Also in Attendance

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.
Mr. M. Cox	Director of Environmental Services
Mr. S. Young	Assistant Director Development and Regeneration
Mr. K. Roberts	Head of Service Community Service
Mr. G. Langley	Principal Officer Network Development and Planning, Safety and Management
Mr. S. Godley	Unit Manager (Planning Strategy)
Ms. E. Long	Head of Services to Schools
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors J. Walsh and Peel as Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services.

Councillor Spencer, Chairman.

26. EX- COUNCILLOR AND HONOURY ALDERMAN TOM ANDERTON

The Chairman referred to the recent funeral of Tom Anderton who had served as a Member of Council for many years until retirement in 2004.

Members stood in silent tribute to her memory.

27. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25th November, 2014 were submitted.

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

28. THE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME, 2014/15

The Committee received the proposed work programme for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

Resolved – That the work programme as submitted be approved.

29. DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE, QUARTER TWO, 2014/15

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which provided Members with an update on the quarter two performance for the Environmental Services Department.

The report summarised delivery against both qualitative and quantitative indicators, recognising the balance between hard

and soft outputs taking into account the current financial pressures facing the organisation.

Members in their deliberations referred to matters around the cost of waste disposal and sickness absence.

Resolved – That the position be noted.

30. A REVIEW OF THE SUCCESS OF TRADING ACCOUNTS

Mr Kevan Roberts, Head of Service Community Services and Ms Elaine Long, Head of Services to Schools gave a joint presentation which reviewed the success of trading accounts used by the Council.

By way of background information, it was explained that various trading accounts were used within community services, viz-

- Bereavement services;
- Building cleaning services;
- Heaton Fold;
- Markets;
- School meals;
- Security services; and
- Social needs transport.

Members were informed of the services provided in each of those areas and the successes and achievements.

In conclusion, the Committee was notified of the budget outturn position in 2013/14 for each of the service areas and for 2014/15.

Members in their deliberations referred to budgetary matters, the school meal budget and cremation emissions.

Resolved – That Mr Roberts and Ms Long be thanked for their detailed and informative presentation and that the position be noted.

31. A LOOK AT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AREAS OF HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE BOROUGH AND POOR TRANSPORT LINKS AND THE POTENTIAL FOR JOB CREATION

Mr Graham Langley, Principal Officer Network Development and Planning and Mr Simon Godley, Unit Manager (Planning Strategy) gave a presentation examining the relationship between areas of high unemployment in the Borough and poor transport links and the potential for job creation.

Members were provided with information detailing the unemployment situation across the Borough, the location of current employment, the envisaged locations for new employment and matters around where Bolton residents worked in terms of commuting.

Members were also apprised of aspects of poor transport links including interchange, segregation and cost. Also referred to was the various modes of transport, i.e walking, cycling, bus, rail and car sharing.

Members were informed of the rail links, cycle routes and bus routes in the Borough. Also shown to members was a map of the employment information in the Borough with the bus routes detailed.

The Committee was also specifically informed of the detail of the town centre bus routes, Rivington Chase (Locoworks) bus routes and cycle routes and the same for Logistics North (Cutacre).

In conclusion , members were advised of the relatively good accessibility Bolton experienced by public transport, cycling and walking and noted the locations of the strategic sites in comparison to those networks.

Members in their deliberations referred to the need for dedicated transport employment bus links from Farnworth / Kearsley and from Crompton / Brightmet to Logistics North perhaps initially subsidised by Transport for

Greater Manchester.

Resolved – That Messrs Langley and Godley be thanked for their detailed and informative presentation and that the position be noted.

32. 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 15th December, 2014 and 26th January, 2015;
and
- Neighbourhood and Community Services Policy Development Group held on 17th December, 2014.

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

(The meeting started at 6.00 p.m. and finished at 7.00 pm)

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