

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING, 9TH FEBRUARY, 2011

Present – Councillors Mrs. Fairclough (Chairman), Wild (Vice Chairman), R. Allen (as deputy for Councillor Critchley), Chadwick, Connell, Francis, Harkin, Iqbal, Lord, Morgan, Pickup, Radlett, A.S. Walsh, and D.A. Wilkinson.

Also in attendance

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| Mr. I. Mulholland | - | Principal Scrutiny Officer |
| Councillor Bashir-Ismail | - | Executive Member for Cleaner, Greener, Safer |
| Councillor Zaman | - | Executive Member for Environmental Services |
| Mr. M. Cox | - | Director of Environmental Services |
| Mr. S. Young | - | Assistant Director Policy Performance and Planning |
| Ms. S. Schofield | - | Assistant Director Neighbourhood Services |
| Ms. D. Ball | - | Assistant Director Waste and Fleet Management |
| Ms. J. Pollard | - | Policy Accountant |

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Critchley.

Councillor Mrs. Fairclough in the Chair.

39. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Committee held on 1st December, 2010 were submitted.

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

40. MONITORING OF DECISIONS

The Director of the Chief Executive's Department submitted a report which provided details of the progress of decisions taken at previous meetings of this Committee.

Further to the item concerning Traffic Lights and Urban Traffic Control Members queried progress regarding the introduction of the SCOOT Traffic Management System in the vicinity of Sainsbury's on Cricketers Way.

In respect of winter gritting, the Committee discussed the possible need to once again reconvene the Winter Gritting Scrutiny Panel following the cessation of this winter period.

The Executive Member for Environmental Services explained that a review would be undertaken and this would be via the Winter Gritting Scrutiny Panel.

Also referred to by the Committee was the Sterling Job undertaken by the gritting teams during the recent cold spell.

In respect of Dog Fouling, Members discussed the issue of fines and deterrants and the prosecution of repeat offenders. Also mentioned was the need to get the message across that all bins in the Borough could be used for disposing of dog waste.

Resolved – (i) That the report be noted.

(ii) That Members be notified of the position regarding the SCOOT Traffic Management System near to Sainsbury's on Cricketers Way, Bolton.

(iii) That this Committee welcomes the offer by the Executive Member for Environmental Services to review the gritting arrangements during this winter period.

41. WORK PROGRAMME

The Director of the Chief Executive's Department submitted a report which set out details of the previously agreed Committee Work Programme for the 2010/11 Municipal Year.

Members' views were sought in relation to any further items that they wanted including in the work programme. The report also included information which would aid the Committee in selecting appropriate items for future consideration.

In relation to the United Utilities item for the next meeting, the Committee indicated that they would wish an update to include matters around particular working, substation security and manhole covers.

Resolved – That the updated work programme be noted.

42. WASTE AND FLEET MODERNISATION

Ms. Donna Ball, Assistant Director of Waste and Fleet, gave a presentation which appraised the Committee on the potential benefits to the Council in terms of the links/shared services with other Councils.

The presentation gave detailed information on the following four areas, viz:-

- Waste and fleet savings;
- Joint Working with Bury Council;
- Increasing participation in Recycling; and
- Partnership working with the Waste Disposal Authority.

Members in their deliberations referred to:-

- Bin contamination and the handling of this;
- the usage of the Departments transport fleet.

It was indicated that there was full usage and vehicles now had trackers and route scheduling software.

- further co-operation between Bolton and Bury particularly in relation to waste matters.

It was indicated that this issue was being explored and the issue of joint procurement in the Department could be an item for a future meeting of this Committee:

- matters around bin storage depots and the land usage; and
- areas of the Borough with low recycling rates seemed to coincide with lots of street litter and the need to tackle this.

Resolved – That the presentation and discussions be noted.

43. CITY REGION

The Committee received a briefing note outlining current developments in the City region agenda.

Particular reference was made to the current position of the Transport Infrastructure Fund, Metrolink and the Combined Authority/Transport for Greater Manchester and associated scrutiny arrangements.

Resolved – That the position be noted.

44. MEMBERS' BUSINESS

The Committee received extracts of minutes of other meetings of the Council relevant to the remit of this Committee.

- (a) Environmental Services Policy Development Group held on 13th December, 2010 and 10th January, 2011.
- (b) Executive Member for Environmental Services held on 24th January, 2011.

- (c) Executive Member for Cleaner, Greener, Safer held on 25th January, 2011.

Resolved – That the minutes of the various meetings, set out at (a) to (c) above, be noted.

(The meeting started at 6.00 p.m. and finished at 7.22 p.m.)