

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MEETING, 6TH FEBRUARY, 2018

Present – Councillors Silvester (Chairman), Pickup (Vice-Chairman), Allen, L. Byrne, Harkin, Haslam, Hewitt, Mistry, Newall, J. Walsh and P. Wild.

Also in Attendance

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| Councillor Peel | Executive Cabinet Member Environmental Services |
| Councillor Burrows | Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services, Police and Community Services |
| Councillor Chadwick | Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways |
| Councillor Sherrington | Cabinet Member for Anti-Poverty and Housing |
| Councillor Watters | Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Voluntary Sector, Community Services and Skills |
| Mr. S. Young | Director of Place |
| Mr. J. Kelly | Assistant Director Highways and Engineering |
| Ms. K. Hopkins | Interim Assistant Director Neighbourhood and Regulatory Services |
| Ms. L. Duckworth | Head of Service, Regulatory Services |
| Ms. J. Pollard | Head of Strategic Finance and Accountancy |
| Mr. I. D. Mulholland | Principal Democratic Services Officer |

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Gibbon.

Councillor Silvester, Chairman

25. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 23rd November, 2017 were submitted.

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

26. THE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which set out the work programme for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

Resolved – That the work programme be noted.

27. DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE, QUARTER TWO, 2017/18

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which provided an update on the departmental quarter two performance position for 2017/18.

Additionally, it incorporated Housing Services as part of the portfolio. Furthermore, it also included the internal departmental position.

Members in their deliberations referred to –

- Making public spaces cleaner regarding prosecutions and enforcement taking place;
- Information regarding the tonnages at the waste and recycling centres;
- Fly tipping progress;
- The reduction in complaints;
- Measurement of nitrous oxide and diesel particles;
- Sickness levels;
- Exploding coffins and the responsibilities; and
- Use of plastic bottles for meetings within the Town Hall and their recycling and matters around the alternative.

Resolved – (i) That the report be noted.

- (ii) That members of the Committee be informed of matters around the use bottles of water at meetings, their recycling and alternatives to this provision.

28. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND HOUSING SERVICES - FINANCE REPORT, 2017/18 – QUARTER TWO

The Director of Place submitted a report which outlined information relating to the financial quarter two position, 2017/18 for the Environmental Services and Housing Services portfolios which were part of the Place Department.

Resolved – (i) That the position be noted.

- (ii) That the proposals contained in the report regarding the implementation of the remaining £300,000 savings target within Highways and Engineering be noted.

- (iii) That the transfer of the ICT Finance post to Waste Services be noted.

29. GMCA – HOUSING, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillor Sherrington, the Council's nominated representative on this GMCA Scrutiny Committee provided the meeting with an update on the work and discussions of the GMCA Housing, Planning and Environment Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Sherrington circulated a paper which mentioned the discussions held at meetings held on 13th December, 2017 and 15th January, 2018 in terms of:-

- Carbon Neutral Greater Manchester - Setting the Vision, Goals and Targets beyond, 2020;
- The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework Update;
- The GM Approach to Transport Infrastructure : Inclusive by Design; and
- The Town Centre Challenge which related to

regeneration.

Members in their deliberations referred to –

- The target of GM to become carbon neutral;
- The impact of emissions from diesel vehicles; and
- The consultation on the spatial framework relating to Bolton.

Resolved – That the position be noted and Councillor Sherrington be thanked for her informative update.

30. REGULATORY SERVICES

Ms. Linda Duckworth, Head of Service, Regulatory Services gave a presentation on the key areas of the service in terms of –

- Food safety;
- Health and safety;
- Licensing;
- Pollution control; and
- Trading standards.

The meeting was informed of matters concerning the Licensing budget and the position as at December, 2017, issues concerning tattoo parlours, skin piercings, sun beds, gambling licensing objectives and licensed premises and gambling planning matters, other enforcement activities, 2017/18 e.g. food officers inspected traders at the winter festival and the Clean Air Plan for the A666. Other enforcement activities for 2017/18 related to car clocking and illicit tobacco operations.

Members in their discussions referred to –

- Charges for gambling outlets and plans for review;
- A666 clean air plan and the options;
- A forthcoming GM Green Summit in March;
- Fixed odds betting terminals – the numbers and associated information;
- Air pollution – there used to be information from various

monitoring sites in the Borough which could inform the possible need to re-model roads;

- Buses at bus stops with stationary traffic behind polluting;
- Tattoo parlours and sunbed salons and regulation matters; and
- Less cars, not more being the solution.

Resolved – (i) That Ms. Duckworth be thanked for her detailed and informative presentation and that the position be noted.

(ii) That members of the Committee be notified of matters concerning fixed odds betting terminals including the numbers involved .

31. LED STREET LIGHTING CHANGES

Mr. John Kelly, Assistant Director, Highways and Engineering gave a presentation which provided an update on the LED street lighting changes.

The meetings was advised of the following –

- The 2018 position for the LED retro fit Borough wide. This now related to 75% of the lighting stock;
- Matters concerning the residential retro fit Borough wide kilowatt hours consumption for the period 2014/15 to 2017/18;
- Residential LED retro fit Borough wide energy savings for the period 2014/15 to 2017/18;
- Residential retro fit Borough wide carbon tonnage saved 2015/16 to 2017/18;
- Residential LED retro fit Borough wide energy savings for the period 2014/15 to 2017/18 accumulative energy sum;
- The position regarding the LED retro fit Borough wide fitted on the main network roads classification A, B and C.

In conclusion the meeting was advised of the position regarding the replacement of the remaining lanterns and financial matters including the GM contract with N Power.

Members in their deliberations referred to –

- Attaching cameras to the facilities and the potential to monitor traffic and other uses;
- LED dimming;
- LED blank spots between lamps;
- The GM N Power contract and whether it was with green energy.

Resolved – (i) That Mr Kelly be thanked for his detailed and informative presentation.

(ii) That the Committee be notified of matters concerning whether the GM electricity contract in terms of whether it is with green energy.

32. 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 11th December, 2017 and 22nd January, 2018.

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

(The meeting started at 6.00 p.m. and finished at 7.34 pm.)