

Minutes of the Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 2 March 2017

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor L Keeble (Chairman)

Councillor S D Martin (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: J E Butts, Mrs L E Clubley, G Fazackarley and R H Price, JP

Also Present:



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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel meeting held om 26 January 2017, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that the Great British Spring Clean was taking place in Stubbington on Friday 3 March 2017 between 10am – 3pm. Several of the local business will be providing refreshments for all participants.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. FINAL REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17 AND DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Operations which gave a final review of the Panel's work programme for 2016/17 and the proposed work programme for 2017/18.

The Director of Operations addressed the Panel, and informed them that there has been one additional item added to the 2017/18 work programme on a Presentation by the Head of Project Integra, for the 13 July meeting. In light of this additional item to the 13 July 2017 meeting, it was suggested to the Panel that the item on Trade Waste which is currently scheduled for the same meeting be moved to the 7 September 2017 meeting.

It was AGREED that Members: -

- (a) reviewed the outcomes of the Panel's work programme for 2016/17;
- (b) that the item on Trade Waste be moved to the 7 September 2017 meeting;
- (c) that subject to (b) above, approve the draft work programme for 2017/18; and
- (d) submit the proposed work programme for 2017/18 to the Council for endorsement.

7. HEDGE CUTTING CONTRACT REVIEW

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Operations which reviewed the current Hedge Cutting Contract.

Members' were keen to have an involvement in the future way forward of the contract, and it was agreed that a Member/Officer working group would be set up at an appropriate time to assist in the process.

It was agreed that the content of the report be noted.

8. WASTE PREVENTION UPDATE

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Operations which provided an Update on Waste Prevention.

The Panel enquired about the sustainability of the energy recovery facilities if the top tiers of the waste hierarchy are more achievable. The Refuse, Recycling and Transport Manager addressed the Panel and explained that it is unlikely that this would happen and that at present that energy recovery facility is almost at contract capacity. She reminded the Panel that whilst the energy recovery is better for the environment than disposal of waste, the best way to protect the environment will always be to prevent the waste in the first instance.

It was AGREED that the content of the report be noted.

9. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was AGREED that in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and representatives of the Press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting as the Panel considered it was not in the public interest to consider the matter in public on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Act.

10. REPORT ON TEXTILE RECYCLING

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Operations on Textile Recycling.

The Panel were pleased to note that the Council had continued its financial support of the three named charities, plus the on-going support of other local community groups.

It was AGREED that the content of the report be noted.

11. MEMBERS OPEN FORUM

The Chairman announced that there had been no questions submitted for this item. The Panel were given the opportunity to ask any questions to the

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officer's present on any Streetscene related topic. There were no questions put forward by the Panel.

The Chairman thanked the Panel and Officers for their hard work and input into the items dealt with by the Committee over the current municipal year.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.55 pm).