

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 7 March 2013

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Miss T G Harper (Chairman)

Councillors: J V Bryant, M J Ford, JP, D J Norris and D C S Swanbrow

Also Present: Councillor L Keeble, Executive Member for Streetscene (item 7)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs S M Bayford.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the revised minutes, at items 7 & 9, of the meeting of the Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel held on 8 November 2012 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest or disclosures of advice or directions made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2012/13 AND DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2013/14

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Streetscene which reviewed the outcomes of the Panel's work programme for 2012/13 and suggested a draft work programme for 2013/14.

The Director of Streetscene acknowledged that several members had commented over the proposed work programme for 2013/14 as many of the items on the work programme are for information only. He explained that the Streetscene department had gone through several major changes over the past few years and that all services have been streamlined and now operate far more efficiently, which has resulted in there being fewer items needing reviewing on the work programme. He also explained to the Panel that he had introduced a new item, open forum, onto the work programme. This is to allow members more opportunity to raise issues or to discuss items as they come up through the year.

It was AGREED that:

- (a) the review of the work programme for 2012/13, as shown in Appendix A to the report, be noted;
- (b) the proposed work programme for 2013/14, as set out in Appendix A to these minutes, be approved, and

(c) the proposed work programme for 2013/14 be submitted to Council for approval.

7. ADDITIONAL ITEM - TEXTILES UPDATE

At the approval of the Chairman for an additional item, the Director of Streetscene gave an update on the textiles recycling.

He explained to the Panel that the new textile arrangements will come into effect in April 2013. The contract for the textile arrangements had put out to tender and the tender has been awarded to European Recycling Company, and this will be a 4 year contract. The current charity banks on the Fareham Borough Council sites will be removed on 1 April 2013 and the new banks installed on 4 April 2013. It was also explained to the Panel that there is currently a consultation taking place with the public where a number of options had been identified as to how the proceeds could be distributed.

At the invitation of the Chairman Councillor Keeble addressed the Panel on this item, and informed them that he will be bringing this item to the Executive in April.

Members discussed this topic at length and agreed that it is an extremely positive change to the current textile arrangement, which will have a positive benefit for the residents of Fareham. Members also expressed a keen interest in ensuring that this new arrangement is well advertised so that the public are made fully aware of it and the benefits of it.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.27 pm).