

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Thursday, 4 September 2014

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Mrs S M Bayford (Chairman)

Miss T G Harper (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: J M Englefield, J V Bryant, A Mandry (deputising for D C S Swanbrow) and G Fazackarley (deputising for D J Norris)

Also Present: Councillor L Keeble Executive Member for Streetscene (item 2)



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors D C S Swanbrow, D J Norris and D M Whittingham.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that, subject to the correction on minute 10 – Annual Trade Waste to read Councillor Keeble Executive Member for Streetscene, the minutes of the meeting of the Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel held on 10 July 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Keeble Executive Member for Streetscene, addressed the Panel on this item.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

The Chairman advised that in accordance with recent set legislation, members of the public and press are able to audio and video record all public meetings held by Fareham Borough Council.

It was confirmed that there have been no requests to film parts of this meeting of the Streetscene Policy Development and Review Panel, but advised that should members of the public wish to film the meeting they need to respect the wishes of other members of public who do not wish to be filmed.

Hampshire County Council will be organising a guided tour of both the ERF (Energy Recovery Facility) and the MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) in Portsmouth where the Borough's refuse and recycling is processed.

The tour will take place on Wednesday 19th November. If members would like to attend please can they let Kitty know by Friday 12 September 2014.

Further details of the time of the visit and directions to the site will be sent out once we have confirmation of the number of visitors attending.

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. STREETSCENE POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW PANEL WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Environmental Services which reviewed the current work programme 2014/15.

The Panel's attention was drawn to the changes in the work programme as highlighted in paragraph 2 of the report.

The Chairman requested that an additional item be added to the work programme on pauper burials. Members and Officers discussed the item and it was agreed that a briefing note would be prepared for the Chairman to read out at the 8 January 2015 meeting.

It was AGREED that the work programme, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be approved.

7. HEALTHCARE WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Environmental Services on the Healthcare Waste Collection Service.

The Refuse and Recycling Manager was asked if better advertising could be done for the sharps collection service as many residents remain unaware that the service exists. It was explained to the Panel that there are regulations governing where sharps can be returned to which means that not all sharps can be returned via the same service, and therefore advertising for the service would be difficult as it would not be applicable to all.

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

8. ANNUAL REVIEW OF STREET CLEANSING SERVICE

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Environmental Services on an Annual Review of Street Cleansing Services.

The Operations Manager was asked why offensive graffiti was not at 100% for being cleared within the 5 day target. It was explained to the Panel that it is more difficult to achieve 100% success on this as there are incidents where the wrong location has been given or the graffiti is on private land and the owners of the property are not available to sign the disclaimer needed prior to the removal being able to be carried out.

The Operations Manager was also asked if the operatives who collect fly tipping work with the enforcement team to identify the offenders. It was confirmed to the Panel that the Streetscene team do work closely with the Enforcement Officers to try and identify offenders but it is extremely difficult if the offensive has not been witnessed.

Members also enquired regarding the requests for litter bins, and whether customers are contacted to let them know the outcome of their requests. The Operations Manager confirmed that all customers are contacted after a 6 week

monitoring period has taken place, to inform them the outcome of their request.

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

9. SPONSORSHIP OF ROUNDABOUTS

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Environmental Services on the Sponsorship of Roundabouts.

Councillor Englefield commented that the roundabout at Bridge Road was extremely attractive and well maintained.

Members enquired as to the progress made on the Quay Street roundabout which is not in good condition. Members were informed that at present the ownership of the roundabout is still with Tesco's and until they pass over the ownership Fareham Borough Council is unable to do anything with the roundabout.

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

10. 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.

11. HEDGE CUTTING AND SPORTS PITCH RENOVATION CONTRACT

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Environmental Services on the Hedge Cutting and Sports Pitch Renovation Contract.

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

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.04 pm).