

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee

held on Monday, 18th June, 2018 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor H Davenport (Chairman)
Councillor T Dean (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors C Browne, C Green, P Groves, S Hogben, O Hunter, N Mannion,
M Parsons, S Pochin, B Roberts and G M Walton

CABINET MEMBER IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor D Stockton

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr R Barnett – Performance Strategy & Reporting Manager
Mr R Kemp – Corporate Manager Waste and Environment Service
Mr D Malcolm – Head of Planning (Regulation)
Mrs F Seddon – Business Manager - Place Directorate
Mr P Traynor – Strategic Commissioning Manager – Highways

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2018.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the replacement of the word 'contract' with the word 'contact' in the last sentence of Minute No.35.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations.

5 PUBLIC SPEAKING/OPEN SESSION

Sue Helliwell attended the meeting to speak in respect of minute 7. She felt that the Council should be charging developers for bins supplied to residents occupying properties in recently built housing developments.

6 WELL MANAGED HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE CODE OF PRACTICE

Paul Traynor, the Strategic Commissioning Manager – Highways, gave a presentation to Members on Compliance with the Well Managed Highway Infrastructure Code of Practice. Highlighted within the presentation was information on Legislation Guidance and Local Documents, Maintaining the Highway, Industry Guidance, A Risk Based Approach, Policies and Codes, Claims, Consultation process and Timetable.

Members queried if the use of the word 'you' referred to employees of the Council not just Members. In addition it was considered useful to know the number of claims rather than just the amount claims had cost the Council.

Further queries were raised in respect of the consultation and why couldn't it have been included as part of the Local Transport Plan Process, what would the inspection regime entail, would older roads have the same level of investment under the new system, when was the Cheshire Highways Improvement Programme for 2018-19 going to be updated on the website and what in the new system would improve the state of the current roads when compared to the current system.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the presentation be noted.
- (2) That a copy of the presentation be circulated to Members of the Committee.
- (3). That a special meeting of the Committee take place in October to consider the final proposals regarding changes to the Council's highways policies and codes of practice.

7 CHARGING FOR WASTE BINS

Ralf Kemp, the Corporate Manager for the Waste and Environment Service attended the meeting and presented to the Committee the results of the survey regarding the Council's proposal to implement a bin supply charge for new and replacement bins.

The Portfolio Holder for Environment who was in attendance stated that residents in the North of the Borough were less likely to agree to the charges than those residents living in the South.

Councillor N Mannion felt that the Portfolio Holder for Environment should defer making a decision on whether or not to charge for new and replacement bins until the 'Fly-tipping' Task and Finish Group had finished their work. This recommendation was voted on but was lost.

Members made the following observations:-

- (i) Increases in 'fly tipping' could occur if charges were issued;

- (ii) If bins were stolen within a specific timeframe then a charge should not be made;
- (iii) Residents should not be charged at all;
- (iv) Developers should provide bins where new housing developments are taking place and should form part of a planning condition when granted planning permission;
- (v) Residents may seek to source their own bins at a lower cost;
- (vi) There should be a special approach where there were areas with specific issues;
- (vii) Useful to receive a breakdown of the reasons for bins being replaced;

RESOLVED

- (1) That the findings of the consultation be noted.
- (2) That the Portfolio Holder for Environment give consideration to the following recommendations put forward by the Committee:-
 - (i) That developers be expected to pay for the provision of wheelie bins in new housing developments;
 - (ii) That developers/landlords inform the Council once the properties on new developments have started to become occupied;
 - (iii) Stolen bins will be replaced at no charge in urban areas or Wards where there are historic waste issues;
 - (iv) That residents are not charged for replacement bins.

8 PERFORMANCE SCORECARD 2017/18

Consideration was given to the Performance Scorecard 2017/18.

Members made comments in respect of the Council's performance relating to the following indicators:-

- (i) PPS003-Average Planning applications per case officer;
- (ii) PPS007-Planning Appeals allowed;
- (iii) PPS011 (FS3)-The % of Food Safety E rated premises that receive intervention activity;
- (iv) PIH001% Variance of Capital Expenditure from Approved Capital Expenditure (Cumulative performance)
- (v) PIH005-Insurance Claims-Target a reduction in insurance claims against Highways;
- (vi) PCO002-Average speed to answer (telephone) (Cumulative performance)

RESOLVED

That the Scorecard be reviewed and noted for information.

9 FORWARD PLAN

Consideration was given to the areas of the forward plan which fell within the remit of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the forward plan be received.

10 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the work programme.

It was agreed that the Well Managed Highway Infrastructure Code of Practice be considered at a special meeting of the Committee in October.

It was agreed that an update on the bus routes review should be added to the work programme for the November meeting as this had been omitted from the work programme previously.

It was agreed that there would be a progress report on the parking strategy and that a visit to the Middlewich Waste Transfer Hub be arranged.

Councillor S Pochin requested that the Committee undertake a review of the licensing of vehicles, licences issued and the sub contractors used. Councillor S Pochin was advised that in the first instance the Chairman of the Licensing Committee should be contacted in order to ensure that there was not a duplication of work between Committees, however the Committee were advised it could be included on the work programme as a possible future item to be considered.

RESOLVED

That the work programme be amended as outlined above.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 4.35 pm

Councillor H Davenport (Chairman)