

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

held on Thursday, 26th November, 2015 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3,
Westfields, Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor J Wray (Chairman)

Councillors H Davenport, N Mannion, A Martin, M Parsons and B Roberts

27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G Barton and M Hardy

28 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2015.

29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

30 WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

There were no whipping declarations

31 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/OPEN SESSION

There were no members of the public present wishing to speak

32 SPEED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY/ HIGHWAYS SERVICE CONTRACT

The Committee received a presentation on the Highways Service Contract Performance, which included:

- Revenue Activities 2015/16
- Capital Activities 2015/16
- BS11000 Accreditation and BSI ISO 55001 Accreditation – it was hoped that Cheshire East would be the first authority to be accredited
- Performance Management KPIs
- Performance Management NSIs
- Third party claims
- Customer satisfaction
- Current focus

With regard to street lighting LED programme, it was noted that 5400 out of 11500 were to be upgraded, which would save around £600,000 per year and reduce light pollution. The LED lights were much more directional and only lit the carriageway which some residents were opposed to.

With regard to third party claims, it was noted that in 2012/13 there were 1252 claims at a cost of over £600,000 in compensation to the authority, compared with 154 in 2015/16. Customer satisfaction was also on the increase, a 2015 NHT survey reported an increase of 3.6% in average levels of satisfaction with the highway service.

The current focus was around DfT Incentivised Funding, improved fault reporting, street lighting in residential areas and the Speed Management Strategy.

With regard to the Speed Management Strategy, it was agreed that the authority needed to be proactive and fully supported by the Police to enforce the strategy. A whole routes review in consultation with neighbouring authorities needed to be completed to ensure consistency. It was agreed that members would dedicate the next meeting of the Committee to draft the strategy.

RESOLVED

1. That the officer be thanked.
2. That the highway service performance be received.
3. That Members commence drafting the Speed Management Strategy at the next meeting of the Committee.

33 FORWARD PLAN

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

RESOLVED

That the forward plan be received

34 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the work programme. It was agreed that Councillors Rhoda Bayley, N Mannion, M Parsons, B Roberts would sit on the Fly Tipping Task and Finish group and that Councillor N Mannion would chair that group.

RESOLVED

That Councillors Rhoda Bayley, N Mannion, M Parsons, B Roberts sit on the Fly Tipping Task and Finish group and that Councillor N Mannion chair that group.

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 11.55 am

Councillor J Wray (Chairman)