

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 20 October 2004, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Compton (Chairman), Mrs Blacklock, Copping, Davies, Gill, Hatfield, Sandhar, Short and Smith.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Begg (Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services)

456. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

457. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8 September 2004 were taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

458. **SCRUTINY OF REFUSE (UPDATE ON MULTIMATERIALS SERVICE)**

The Committee considered a report from Environmental Health informing them of the key issues surrounding the refuse collection service, updating them on the implementation of the first phase of the multi-material kerbside collection and suggesting areas where members might wish to carry out a further, more detailed scrutiny of the service.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the content of report be noted;
- (2) the following working groups be appointed to investigate the areas set out below with an interim report to the December meeting and a final report to the February meeting:
 - (i) Missed collections & new properties: Councillors Copping; Davies and Gill;
 - (ii) Joint Working: Councillors Mrs Blacklock, Hatfield and Smith; and
 - (iii) Public perception: Councillors Mrs Compton; Sandhar and Short; and
- (3) once these areas of the review had been completed the Committee would then review waste types and possible amendments to the current contract.

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459. SCRUTINY OF FOOD SAFETY

The Committee considered a report and received a presentation from the Food Safety Team outlining the services provided by the Team and proposing the possible areas of the service for scrutiny.

RESOLVED that

- (1) the content of the report and presentation be noted; and
- (2) the following working groups be appointed to investigate the areas set out below with a report to be submitted to this Committee in February 2005:
 - (i) the key functions of managing risk: Councillors Copping, Hatfield; Sandhar and Short; and
 - (ii) the cost of service with relation to performance: Councillors Mrs Blacklock; Mrs Compton; Davies; Gill and Smith.

460. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered their work programme for the ensuing year.

RESOLVED that Work Programme be confirmed, with the following amendments:

- (i) Rouncil Lane report be delayed until the December to allow for further investigations; and
- (ii) following the announcement that the Caged Bird event had been cancelled this item was removed from the work programme.

461. EXECUTIVE MEETING – WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2004

The Committee considered the minutes of the Executive meeting held on Wednesday, 15 September 2004 which came within its remit.

RECOMMENDED that the minutes be noted.

462. EXECUTIVE AGENDA (NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS AND REPORTS)

The Committee considered the items which would be discussed at the meeting of the Executive on Monday, 25 October 2004 which came within its remit. As a result the following comments were made for forwarding to the Executive:-

Item No. 4. Approval of Fees and Charges

The Committee supported the proposed fees and charges within the Environmental Services Portfolio remit.

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Item No. 7. Financial Monitoring 2004/2005 (to August 2004)

The Committee noted the adverse variation with the Environmental Services Portfolio remit and supported the recommendations in the report.

Item No. 12. Scrutiny Review of the Council's Performance in its Delivery of Flood Alleviation Measures

The Committee highlighted to the Executive the extensive work which had been undertaken, by both the Committee and officers, on this review and hoped the Executive would endorse its recommendations.

Item No. 13. Scrutiny of Community Safety

The Committee highlighted to the Executive the extensive work which had been undertaken, by both the Committee and officers, on this review and hoped the Executive would endorse its recommendations.

Item No. 14 (A) Vehicles (Crime) Act 2001, Motor Salvage Operators Regulations 2002

The Committee supported the recommendations in the report.

(The meeting ended at 8.05 pm)