

**CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**HELD: Thursday, 6 December 2018**

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 8.30 pm

**PRESENT:**

Councillors: N Hennessy (Chairman)  
M Nixon (Vice-Chairman) Mrs M Blake  
T Blane R Cooper  
P Cotterill D Evans  
S Evans A Owens  
D West D Westley  
Mrs M Westley

Officers: Heidi McDougall, Director of Leisure & Environment  
John Harrison, Director of Development and Regeneration  
Michelle Williams, Operational Manager Street Scene  
Alison Grimes, Partnership & Performance Officer  
Tom Dickinson, Assistant Solicitor  
Jacky Denning, Member Services Manager

32 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Pryce-Roberts.

33 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, Members noted the termination of membership of Councillors Currie, G Hodson, Lockie and C Marshall and the appointment of Councillors D Westley, R Cooper, S Evans, Mrs Westley respectively, for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the political groups.

34 **URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY, INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

There were no items under this heading.

35 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

36 **DECLARATIONS OF A PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of a party whip.

37 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 11 October 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to Councillor Blake being recorded in the list of apologies and

minute 29 (A)(iii) being amended to read: 'Director of Development and Regeneration'.

**38 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

There were no items under this heading.

The Chairman advised that a press release providing details of items being considered at future meetings would be circulated in advance of future meetings, which was aimed at encouraging public participation.

**39 MEMBERS' ITEMS/COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION (CCFA)**

Consideration was given to the following item included on the agenda at the request of a Member:

**40 MEETING WITH OFFICERS ON PLANNING ISSUES - FIRSWOOD ROAD, LATHOM**

Consideration was given to an item included on the agenda by Councillor Paul Cotterill, as contained on pages 77 to 78 of the Book of Reports, in relation to a Meeting with officers on Firswood Road planning issues.

The Director of Development and Regeneration provided an update in respect of the matter and details of the process and actions undertaken in respect of the particular planning application.

Comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- The role of Members
- The Member/Officer protocol
- Member Induction

RESOLVED: That the item raised be noted and the matter of ensuring that Members are clear on their roles, be referred to the Member Development Commission, with a view to including in the Induction process for new Members.

**41 ITEMS FROM THE MEMBER'S UPDATE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA AT THE REQUEST OF A MEMBER**

There were no items under this heading.

**42 QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (Q2 2018/19)**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Housing and Inclusion, as contained on pages 79 to 94 of the Book of Reports, which presented the

performance monitoring data for the quarter ended 30 September 2018.

Comments and questions were raised in respect of the following:

- WL18 – Use of leisure and cultural facilities (swims and visits)
- R1 - % of Council Tax collected
- WL90 - % of Contact Centre calls answered
- NI192 – Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting

RESOLVED: That the Council's performance against the indicator set for the quarter ended 30 September 2018, be noted.

**43 WEEDS IN WEST LANCASHIRE**

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

**44 'COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN SERVICE DELIVERY' REVIEW FINAL REPORT**

Consideration was given to the report of the Director of Leisure and Environment (Lead Officer), as contained on pages 95 to 102 of the Book of Reports, which presented the draft final report and recommendations following a review entitled 'Community Involvement in Service Delivery'.

RESOLVED: That the draft final report, attached as an Appendix, and the recommendations therein at paragraph 1 to 4, page 3, be approved, subject to some minor amendments to the introduction, and the final report be submitted to Cabinet on 15 January 2019.

**45 'LITTER BIN POLICY' REVIEW**

Consideration was given to the following 2 items following the decision of the Committee to undertake a review entitled 'Litter Bin Policy':

**46 PROPOSED / CURRENT LITTER BIN POLICY**

The Committee received a presentation from Michelle Williams, Operations Manager, Street Scene, which outlined the current provision of litter bins across the borough and the aim of the review, in particular:

1. That litter bins are currently provided by 3 different services across the Council:
  - Street Scene Services
  - Leisure Services
  - Town Centre Management Team within Development & Regeneration
2. That all servicing of litter bins is undertaken by Street Scene
3. That in relation to Dog Waste Bins:

- In February 2016, Council agreed to remove dog waste bins across the Borough and promote the use of litter bins for disposal of dog waste
  - No specific programme of removal was devised or funds allocated
  - Stickers were applied to existing litter bins to promote dual usage
4. That a Service Review had identified that a litter bin strategy was needed.
5. That as part of the review, the Committee would consider:
- The Scope of the review
  - Location criteria for litter bin installations
  - Style and size of litter bins
  - Centralised management of litter bin provision within the Council
  - Innovation opportunities e.g. bins containing fill level sensors and compaction bins
  - Educational strategies e.g. Nudge theories
  - Future budget provision
6. That future meetings would consider:
- The outcome of the condition survey
  - Installation criteria
  - Differing styles of bins
  - Demonstrations of litter bin innovations

RESOLVED: That the presentation be noted and the scope of the review be endorsed.

47 **DRAFT PROJECT PLAN**

The Committee considered the draft project plan for the review, as contained on pages 105 to 108 of the Book of Reports.

RESOLVED: That project plan be approved.

48 **MEMBER DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2018**

Consideration was given to the Notes of the Member Development Commission meeting held on 20 September 2018, as contained on pages 109 to 112 of the Book of Reports.

RESOLVED: That the Notes of the Member Development Commission meeting held on 20 September 2018, be noted.

49 **FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the Committee's future work programme, as contained on pages 113 to 114 of the Book of Reports.

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RESOLVED: That the future work programme be noted.

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**Chairman**