

Bolsover District Council

Executive

2 March 2015

Joint Streetscene Policy

Report of Councillor D. Kelly With Portfolio Responsibility For The Environment

Purpose of the Report

To seek approval in adoption of the Council's Joint Streetscene Policy, developed with the Council's Strategic Partner, North East Derbyshire District Council.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 The Joint Streetscene Policy (**Appendix 1**) sets out standards by which the Council maintains its soft and hard Streetscene features; in particular, grounds maintenance and street cleanliness arrangements.
- 1.2 In recognising the importance of our natural and built environment, the Joint Streetscene Policy has been developed to act as a key policy document to support and aid delivery of the Council's corporate ambitions and priorities. This replaces the Council's individual policies pertaining to street cleansing and grounds maintenance functions, which fell due for review throughout the 2013\14 periods.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The Council continues to make maintenance and cleanliness of its local environment a priority. Adoption of the policy is aimed in maintaining high standards of Streetscene and customer satisfaction; also, placing maintenance of Streetscene functions within one policy document.
- 2.2 The Joint Streetscene Policy refreshes the Council's current policy position set out currently in several individual policy documents and takes in to consideration statutory and regulatory requirements of Streetscene functions. The policy does not propose a reduction in service standards from those currently enjoyed by residents and aims to establish a like policy position across the two Councils to reflect the established joint management position of Streetscene functions; and, in doing so, achieve a seamless service standard for each Council's residents.
- 2.3 The policy not only defines the Council's approach in maintaining its Streetscene, but also how it will work with internal and external partners to encourage and stimulate others to contribute to high standards of Streetscene.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 The policy has been developed through Bolsover's Patch Management Group, Portfolio Members and consulted with user departments; in particular, those who

impact of the design and maintenance of our Streetscene environment. The Council's Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee have also aided in development of the policy.

- 3.2 An equality impact assessment (EIA) has been undertaken in respect of the Joint Streetscene Policy and attached at **Appendix 2**.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 The Council's Streetscene Policy reflects statutory and regulatory requirements and best practice. A 'do nothing' approach is therefore not an option; in particular, due to the Council having need to clearly set out standards by which it will maintain its local Streetscene.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

- 5.1.1 Streetscene services are provided by way of the Council's general fund and housing revenue account. No new funding is being sought in respect of undertaking functions set out in the Streetscene Policy.

Risk Considerations

- 5.1.2 The Council must ensure it undertakes its statutory duties and functions to avoid external intervention and / or legal challenge.

- 5.1 Maintenance of the environment ranks highly in both national and local arenas. Therefore, providing a high standard of Streetscene will reflect in good customer satisfaction.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

- 5.2.1 The Council is obliged by statutory duty to provide various Streetscene functions in areas of street cleansing, environmental health/enforcement, planning and community safety. The Streetscene Policy sets out how Streetscene Services undertake these in supporting other regulatory functions of the Council's planning, environmental health and community safety teams.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

- 5.1.3 There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

.6 Recommendations

- 6.1 Executive approves the Joint Streetscene Policy (**Appendix 1**) as fit for purpose in delivering the Council's Streetscene functions and service standards.

7 Decision Information

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	Yes
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District Wards Affected	All Wards
Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework	Environment Community Safety Customer Focussed Service

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Joint Streetscene Policy
Appendix 2	Equality Impact Assessment
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
Joint Streetscene Policy available from Assistant Director Streetscene.	
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