

HEALTHY, SAFE, CLEAN AND GREEN COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on 26th July 2016 at 1100 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor S. Peake in the Chair

Councillors J.E. Bennett, T. Cannon, P.A. Cooper, H.J. Gilmour, C.R. Moesby, T. Munro and K.F. Walker

Officers:-

K. Drury (Information Engagement & Performance Manager) (until Minute No. 00205), S. Bingham (Senior Sport Development Officer) (until Minute No. 00206), C. Millington (Scrutiny Officer) and A. Brownsword (Senior Governance Officer)

00201. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Councillor P. Smith.

00202. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

00203. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

00204. MINUTES – 28TH JUNE 2016

Moved by Councillor H.J. Gilmour and seconded by Councillor T. Cannon

RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 28th June 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

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00205. CORPORATE PLAN TARGETS PERFORMANCE UPDATE – APRIL TO JUNE 2016 (Q1 – 2016/17)

The Information Engagement & Performance Manager presented the report which gave details of the performance outturn for those targets which sit under 'Supporting our Communities to be Healthier, Safer, Cleaner, Greener' aim as of 30th June 2016. The information was correct as of 14th July 2016. Most of the targets were on track.

H 05 – Support 417 inactive 16+ individuals per year and increase their activity levels to more than 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity per week

The Information Engagement & Performance Manager noted that this was a target that was set by Derbyshire County Council and it had now been amended to 340 for year 2 of the programme. The lead officer would give some thought to the target description to reflect this change.

H 06 – Provide signposting and support for people who want to volunteer and recruit 60 new volunteers by February 2016

The Information Engagement & Performance Manager informed Members that this target had been achieved and would be reviewed in August.

H 09 - Achieve a combined recycling and composting rate of 49% by March 2019

It was noted that actual tonnage figures would be available in Quarter 2.

H 10 - Sustain standards of litter cleanliness to ensure 96% of streets each year meet an acceptable level as assessed by Local Environment Quality Surveys (LEQS)

H 11 – Sustain standards of dog fouling cleanliness to ensure 98% of streets each year meet an acceptable level as assessed by Local Environment Quality Surveys (LEQS)

Members noted that although the targets had been achieved and commended the work of officers who quickly resolved any problems raised, there were still issues with the standards of cleanliness and dog fouling. It was felt that the targets should be tougher.

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H 12 – Annually undertake 10 local environmental enforcement and educational initiatives in targeted areas to deal with dog fouling, littering or fly tipping

A question was asked regarding initiatives carried out and the Scrutiny Officer suggested that the Environmental Health Manager be invited to give information to the Committee at a future meeting.

H 13 – Develop an action plan for the improvement of each of the four town centres by March 2017

An initial draft had been formulated and would be presented to a future meeting of the Council.

H 15 - Reduce energy use in sheltered housing schemes by 10% by March 2019

It was noted that a project was underway to replace the old boilers with new energy efficient heating systems that could be controlled by the residents.

H 16 - Replace each year 200 gas fired back boilers in our Council houses with more efficient 'A' rated combi boilers

A question was asked whether a local labour clause was included in the contract and the Information Engagement & Performance Manager noted that a new Procurement Strategy was being formulated.

Moved by Councillor T. Munro and seconded by Councillor C.R. Moesby

RESOLVED that (1) progress against the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 targets be noted,

(2) the Environmental Health Manager be invited to a future meeting of the Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Scrutiny Committee to give an update on Corporate Plan Target H 12 – Annually undertake 10 local environmental enforcement and educational initiatives in targeted areas to deal with dog fouling, littering or fly tipping.

(Scrutiny Officer/Senior Governance Officer)

The Information Engagement & Performance Manager left the meeting.

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00206. LEISURE SURVEY RESULTS – THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO HANG OUT

The Senior Sport Development Officer presented the results of the 'Things to do, Places to Hang Out' The survey had been sent to all secondary schools within the District to ascertain whether young people knew what activities there were available and what other activities they would like to be offered.

The survey had shown that everyone wanted different activities and there was no clear steer. The main thing that young people wanted was a base to hang out or a youth club.

Members felt that more activities were needed in rural locations and there was a need to work with Parish Council's and community groups. The Senior Sport Development Officer noted that some projects were already in place e.g. the Activity Hub in the Village Hall in Hillstown which provided both activities and a room to hang out in.

Moved by Councillor S. Peake and seconded by Councillor H.J. Gilmour
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

The Senior Sport Development Officer left the meeting.

00207. CLOSURE OF BOLSOVER HOSPITAL CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Concerns were expressed by Members that the consultation document did not give any detail on how the concept of the hubs covering considerably larger areas than at present would work. There were also no details on how the dementia response team would work and what would happen in the evening or weekends. Further concerns were expressed regarding the lack of beds with care and the loss of the specialist stroke rehabilitation unit at Bolsover. It was noted that private care companies cherry picked the easiest jobs and left the more challenging care to the County Council.

The Scrutiny Officer suggested that a response letter be sent from the Committee including the concerns raised.

Moved by Councillor S. Peake and seconded by Councillor H.J. Gilmour
RESOLVED that a response letter to the Closure of Bolsover Hospital Consultation Document be sent from the Healthy, Safe Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee outlining the concerns above.

(Scrutiny Officer/Senior Governance Officer)

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00208. GP SERVICES IN CRESWELL AND LANGWITH

The Chair noted that Langwith Parish Council had written to Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group requesting an update on the progress of the creation of GP Services and had received no response, similarly no response had been received from a letter sent to the Secretary of State.

The Scrutiny Officer reminded Committee that the Executive had been recommended to support the work of the Health Scrutiny Committee at Derbyshire County Council who were trying to progress the issue. The Chief Executive Officer had written a letter to the Clinical Commissioning Group following the recommendation to Executive made by the Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Moesby also advised that he would speak to the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee at Derbyshire County Council to express concerns regarding the lack of progress.

Moved by Councillor S. Peake and seconded by Councillor H.J. Gilmour
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

00209. WORK PLAN

The Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee Work Plan was circulated for Members' information. The Scrutiny Officer noted that the Environmental Health Manager would be invited to the September meeting to give an update on Corporate Plan Target H 12 – Annually undertake 10 local environmental enforcement and educational initiatives in targeted areas to deal with dog fouling, littering or fly tipping as previously agreed.

Concerns were raised regarding the size of refuse vehicles struggling to access rural locations and it was suggested that the Assistant Director – Streetscene be asked to provide an update to a future meeting.

Moved by Councillor S. Peake and seconded by Councillor H.J. Gilmour
RESOLVED that the work plan be noted.

The meeting concluded at 1209 hours.