

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 Tuesday 20th September 2016 at 1000 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, K.F. Walker and D. Watson

Officers:-

S. Jowett (Streetscene & Waste Services Manager), C. Millington (Scrutiny Officer) and A. Brownsword (Senior Governance Officer)

00285. APOLOGIES

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

00286. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

00287. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

00288. MINUTES – 26TH JULY 2016

Moved by Councillor T. Munro 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 26th July 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

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00289. LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

Members considered the List of Key Decisions and Items to be Considered in Private document.

Moved by Councillor H.J. Gilmour and seconded by Councillor T. Cannon
RESOLVED that the List of Key Decisions and Items to be Considered in Private document be noted.

00290. UPDATE ON CORPORATE PLAN TARGET: 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)

The Streetscene & Waste Services Manager gave a presentation which informed Members of the methods used to formulate an LEQS. There were four elements: litter, detritus, weeds and dog fouling. Sites were graded A to D and split into different uses.

It was noted that the weather conditions in this year had meant that weeds were prolific, a full programme of spraying had taken place utilising the quad bikes. There had been a problem with one of the quads and another was to be purchased so that the Authority could keep two on the road. Members asked who was responsible for clearing the weeds once the weedkiller had taken effect. It was noted that once the weeds had died, they were classed as detritus and the Council would clear them up.

900 checks were carried out per annum over the different land categories and on street parking could affect weed spraying. Leaflet drops made a difference, but were labour intensive.

If litter could be attributed to a school, some educational work could be carried out and it was noted that this was an area that that could benefit from more resources. A review of the litter pick areas was being carried out and it was felt that litter pickers could be included on the Cleansing Teams. Once the green bin collections had been suspended, the teams would be utilised for rural lane clean ups.

It was noted that some Residents Associations may be willing to help with leaflet drops prior to road sweeping/weed spraying.

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

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00291. WORK PLAN

The Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee Work Plan was circulated for Members' information.

Moved by Councillor S. Peake and seconded by Councillor H.J. Gilmour

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

The formal meeting concluded at 1053 hours and members then met as a working party to continue their review work. The working party concluded at 1118 hours.