

## **HEALTHY, SAFE, CLEAN AND GREEN COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 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. Gillott (Environmental Health Manager), C. Millington (Scrutiny Officer) and A. Brownsword (Governance Officer)

### **374. APOLOGY**

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

### **375. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

There were no urgent items of business

### **376. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **377. MINUTES – 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

Moved by Councillor T. Munro and seconded by Councillor J.E. Bennett  
**RESOLVED** that the minutes of a meeting of the Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

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### 378. 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.

It was noted that although the option of hybrid refuse vehicles had been considered, there was a long way to go in terms of technology, but this could be reconsidered prior to future vehicle purchases. Consideration was also to be given to the possible refurbishment of refuse vehicles when necessary.

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.

### 379. UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES

The Environmental Health Manager provided an update on initiatives carried out in previous years and 2016/17 to date. These included working with the PDSA and attending gala's and community events such as the Rhubarb Farm Show. Enforcement work had also been carried out around the fast food outlets on Tallys End, Barlborough. Following the purchase of some walkie talkies, there had been some successful dog fouling patrols which had seen the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices.

A discussion took place regarding the recent dog attacks on children and the Environmental Health Manager explained that the primary powers to deal with dangerous dogs were held by the Police.

The Joint Environmental Health Service was looking to arrange events with the CVP, such as community litter picks and educational days at New Houghton. Dog fouling patrols were also due to take place at the Peter Fidler Nature Reserve. It was also hoped to carry out some joint work with Streetscene and go into schools to talk about litter problems in conjunction with their recycling work.

At the Environmental Enforcement, Education and Cleansing working group Environmental Health and Streetscene compare flytipping hotspots etc. It was noted that not all sites were suitable for CCTV.

A project was planned on Shirebrook Market Place to try to address problems with litter and paper receipts from ATM's etc. The department was also looking at Duty of Care Initiatives for waste carriers etc. which were sometimes at fault in flytipping

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cases and checks were continuing on waste storage and disposal arrangements at food establishments. It had been proposed to do a blanket check in certain areas.

Members asked whether Parish Councils could make contact when planning events and the Environmental Health Manager welcomed attendance at local events, if resources allowed. A billboard of achievements could be made to publicise work carried out.

The Environmental Health Manager also presented the Environmental Despoilment Action Plan which had been formulated with the Streetscene Department and captured the actions undertaken and those that were to be carried out.

It was noted that there had been a problem at a location in South Normanton where lorry drivers had been throwing rubbish on to the premises of local businesses. Multi lingual notices and extra bins had been placed on the site and Streetscene were to carry out extra cleansing to deal with the problem.

It was hoped to use social media more often as it had proved successful in finding flytippers from outside the area. It was suggested that a quarterly list of enforcement action taken could be published, as happened in Planning. The Environmental Health Manager noted that publication of such information would also help with FOI requests. The Environmental Health Annual Report (2015/16) was in the process of being finalised and published and would shortly be available to Members.

There was an issue with resources and managing expectations, particularly with regards to preventative and educational work in schools. This work would need to be prioritised and be effectively targeted and the Environmental Health Manager advised that there were limitations with existing resources but this was being reviewed.

The Chair thanked the Environmental Heath Manager for the report.

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

### **380. WORK PLAN**

The Scrutiny Officer reminded Members that the next meeting of the Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Scrutiny Committee would begin at 1100 hours. The informal meeting would start at 1000 hours.

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

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**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

### **381. REMINDER – SCRUTINY TRAINING 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

Members were reminded that a Joint Scrutiny Training Session was taking place at North East Derbyshire District Council offices on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016.

The formal meeting concluded at 1117 hours and members then met as a working party to continue their review work. The working party concluded at 1149 hours.