

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 14th February 2017 at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor S. Peake in the Chair

Councillors J.E. Bennett, D. Bullock, T. Cannon, H.J. Gilmour, T. Munro, P. Smith, K.F. Walker and D. Watson.

Also in attendance with the permission of the Chair were Councillors T. Connerton (Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhood Services), M. Dooley (Portfolio Holder for Community Development and Integration), B.R. Murray-Carr (Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing) (until Minute No. 0680) and M.J. Ritchie (Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety)

Officers:-

K. Drury (Information, Engagement and Performance Manager) (from Minute No. 0681), C. Millington (Scrutiny Officer) and A. Brownsword (Senior Governance Officer)

0673. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P.A. Cooper

0674. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

0675. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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0676. MINUTES – 17TH JANUARY 2017

Moved by Councillor H. 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 17th January 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

0677. 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. Gilmour and seconded by Councillor J.E. Bennett

RESOLVED that the List of Key Decisions and Items to be Considered in Private document be noted.

0678. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair consented to the order of business being changed.

0679. WHERE DOES PUBLIC HEALTH FIT WITHIN PLANNING POLICY – DRAFT REPORT

The Scrutiny Officer presented the draft review report with the final recommendations to Executive. Members welcomed the report and felt that it was fair, balanced and would represent a more proactive approach.

The Assistant Director – Planning and Environmental Health had proposed some minor amendments to the recommendations. In recommendation 1, it was proposed to increase the number of dwellings to 20 or more. It was also proposed to alter the wording of recommendation 2 to read:

That a “Hot Food Takeaways” policy is included in the publication draft of the Local Plan and is developed out of evidence provided by Public Health working with the CCG.

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Under the section entitled 'What can be done differently', a discussion took place regarding whether a list of wider health and safety issues should be compiled. It was felt that some examples could be included.

The Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing suggested that the scope of the review be widened, but the Committee felt that the scope of the review was correct and needed to be completed prior to publication of the Local Plan.

Moved by Councillor T. Munro and seconded by J.E. Bennett

RESOLVED that (1) the final report of the Scrutiny Review of where does Public Health fit within Planning Policy be approved with the above additions and amendments.

(2) the final report be submitted to the Executive on 27th February 2017.

(Scrutiny Officer/Senior Governance Officer)

0680. WORK PLAN

The Scrutiny Officer noted that due to the purdah period for the Derbyshire County Council elections and availability of officers, it was proposed to hold a Special meeting of the Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee on Tuesday 9th May 2017 to carry out the Annual Review of the Community Safety Partnership. It was also proposed to cancel the scheduled meeting to be held on 19th April 2017.

Moved by Councillor T. Cannon and seconded by Councillor T. Munro

RESOLVED that (1) the work plan be noted,

(2) a Special meeting of the Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee take place on Tuesday 9th May 2017 to carry out the Annual Review of the Community Safety Partnership.

(3) the meeting of the Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee scheduled for 19th April 2017 be cancelled.

(Scrutiny Officer/Senior Governance Officer)

Councillor B.R. Murray-Carr left the meeting.

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0681. CORPORATE PLAN TARGETS PERFORMANCE UPDATE – OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2016 (Q3 – 2016/17)

The Information Engagement & Performance Manager presented the report which gave details of the performance outturn for those targets which sit under the 'supporting our communities to be healthier, safer, cleaner and greener' aim as of 31st December 2016. The information was correct as of 31st January 2017. Most of the targets were on track.

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H 02 – Increase participation /attendances in leisure, sport, recreation, health, physical and cultural activity by 3,000 per year.

Although this target had been marked as an alert as being behind the year to date target, it was hoped that with the opening of the new facility at The Arc, these figures would increase.

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

It was noted that this target had been amended, but that the year ran from December for November, so it was difficult to track the targets. A meeting was to be held with the Assistant Director – Leisure to look at a different way of reporting the figures.

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 this target was all about perception and it was felt that the perception of the public would be that there were problems with litter and dog fouling. The Council was good at being reactive and clearing areas once notified of a problem, however there was a question around how proactive the Council was in stopping such behaviour.

The Information Engagement & Performance Manager noted that questions regarding litter and dog fouling were regularly included on the Citizens Panel Survey and a couple of Streetscene targets were published on the Customer Scorecard every six months. Information on the last time these questions were asked of the

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Citizens Panel to be provided by the Information Engagement & Performance Manager.

The Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety noted that inspections were carried out on different randomly selected streets at different times, to a set criteria. Work was done by the CAN Rangers and the Chair noted that a litterbug exercise had been carried out in a primary school which had been very well received.

A question was asked regarding whether dog walkers could be fined for not carrying waste bags and it was confirmed that this was the case.

H 15 – Reduce Energy use in sheltered accommodation housing schemes by 10% by March 2019

It was noted that progress was now being made. Some schemes would just require new boilers, others were being combined with works to convert flats from bedsits to 1 bedroomed flats. A programme of works was being formulated and would be circulated to Members.

Moved by Councillor T. Munro and seconded by Councillor H. Gilmour
RESOLVED that progress against the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 targets be noted.

The meeting concluded at 1049 hours.