

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 1st May 2018 at 0930 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor S. Peake in the Chair

Councillors Mrs P.A. Cooper, H.J. Gilmour, C. Moesby, K.F. Walker and D.S. Watson (from during Minute No. 0793).

Officers:-

J. Wilson (Scrutiny & Elections Officer), A. Bashir (Improvement Officer) (to Minute No. 0795), J. Selby (Community Safety Officer) (From Minute No. 0795) to Minute No. 0796) and A. Bluff (Governance Officer).

0789. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors T. Cannon and T. Munro.

0790. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business to consider.

0791. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

0792. MINUTES – 20th MARCH 2018

Moved by Councillor H.J. Gilmour and seconded by Councillor C.R. Moesby
RESOLVED that the Minutes of a Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Scrutiny Committee held on 20th March 2018 be approved as a true record.

0793. LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

Committee considered the List of Key Decisions and items to be considered in private document.

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It was noted that some items on the List of Key Decisions had been considered at the Executive meeting held on 23rd April 2018 and the Decision Notice from that meeting had been sent to all Members.

Moved by Councillor C.R. Moesby and seconded by Councillor P. Cooper

RESOLVED that the List of Key Decisions and Items to be considered in private document be noted.

0794. CORPORATE PLAN TARGETS PERFORMANCE UPDATE – JANUARY TO MARCH 2018 (QUARTER 4 – 2017/18)

H 01 - Deliver a minimum of 8000 hours of positive activity through community based culture and leisure engagement per year.

This target was reported as being on track.

2017/18 - The target figure for the year was 8,000 hours, actual performance to date was 8,673 exceeding the annual target figure.

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

This target was reported as being on track.

2017/18 – year-end target was 300,000 attendances. Actual to date was 347,087 - exceeding expectations.

H 03 - Deliver a health intervention programme which provides 900 adults per year with a personal exercise plan via the exercise referral scheme.

This target was reported as being on track.

Quarter 4 - BDC was commissioned to deliver a health intervention programme by County Public Health. The scheme covered two programmes, the Derbyshire Integrated Wellbeing Approach and Bolsover Wellness Plus. A combined figure of 1,000 referrals had been set from these two programmes. Due to the restructure within County Public Health it had proven increasingly difficult to maintain referral numbers from doctors' surgeries. With this in mind a 25% reduction in referral numbers had been agreed with the intention of securing visits to all surgeries to promote the programme and hopefully re-establish the numbers, therefore a new target had been set at 750 referrals for the year.

To the end of March 2018; **905** clients had been seen at a number of different locations including Go Active@The Arc, Shirebrook Leisure Centre and Welbeck Road Doctors Surgery. (2017/18 – Achieved).

While Members acknowledged that the target had now been reduced to mirror the reduction in funding, a Member queried how the original target had been set and was concerned as to how robust the process had been given that the original target had been

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exceeded despite changes within County Public Health. The Improvement Officer agreed to follow this up with the relevant officer and report back to Committee.

H 04 - Tackle childhood obesity through the delivery of a child focused health intervention programme to all Key Stage 2 year groups by the end of each academic year.

This target was reported as being on track.

2017/18 - All 28 schools in the District had been engaged with.

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.

This target was reported for information only

Year 3; Quarter 4 Position: 1,098 individuals were engaged during the project period (Dec 2014 to March 2018). 'Engaged' referred to individuals who the officer had consulted with, signposted to activities or who had tried activities.

NB: targets for years 2 & 3 changed further to discussions with funders and having taken into account a shortfall in year 1.

Additional outcome targets had been set for Stages 2 and 3 of the project. These were;
1. Establish a community group that identified and controls ownership of a local health issue. 2. Create a shared vision for the identified health issue. 3. Facilitate the group to mobilise positive change of the health issue.

Current groups included: Nature Explorers, Pumpkin Patch, Community Allotment and Bolsover Rocks. Work had been carried out to find out what was important to people and these groups were being developed accordingly. Each was at a different stage along the journey but were all moving towards citizen control and local ownership. As work in these areas came to an end, it was important to acknowledge the progress which had been made during the project. A new way of working had been developed which would be carried in to the future and the extensive learning would be used to shape work within Bolsover District.

H 07 - Assist partners in reducing crime by delivering 12 Crime Cracking events in the community each year.

This target was reported as being on track.

Quarter 4; One event attended in quarter 4 engaged with approximately 20 people:
13th April 18 - CAN Rangers personal safety talk to the Shirebrook Breathe Easy Group

2017/18; 19 events attended this year engaged with approximately 920 people – Achieved.

Further to a Member's query, the Improvement Officer agreed to provide a list to Members of where the events had been held in the District.

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

This target was reported as being on track.

Quarter 4 - It was estimated based on like performance at ending March 2017, due to Waste Data Flow information not being available until ending July 2018, that 2,378 tonnes of recyclable\compostable would be collected between January and March 2018 yielding a combined recycling rate of 31%. It was further estimated that the annual (Q1 to Q4) outturn would be 42%.

(Update on Quarter 3 - 2,902 tonnes of recyclable\compostable waste was collected between September and December 2017 yielding a combined recycling rate of 39%. (Actual)).

Additional information regarding this target was circulated at the meeting further to a query raised by the Chair and Vice Chair at the Committee's pre meeting;

What promotional activity is planned during 2018/19 to encourage further recycling to achieve the last 7% of the 49% target? Can we realistically bridge the gap over the coming 12 months?

Officer response;

Reported at the Quarterly Performance meeting on 19th April, that it was unlikely the Council would achieve 50% combined recycling performance by 2019; in particular, as performance had plateaued at 42% to 43%, albeit the Council continued to undertake door-stepping promotional work, publicity campaigns and schools education program.

Performance increase was anticipated following the introduction of food waste in garden waste (green bin) collections in 2014; however, a barrier to households presenting food waste for collection in green bins was considered to be the lack in use of 'corn starch bags'. The outcome of trials DCC were undertaking with High Peak Borough Council were currently being awaited and it was optimistic that these may be used in future.

Corporate Plan and Service Plan targets supported the wider Derbyshire Municipal Waste Management Strategy which aimed to achieve a Derbyshire wide combined recycling target of 55%. A substantive influence in achieving this was the delivery of the new Derby Sinfin Waste Treatment Facility which it was anticipated would be commissioned later this year. This would remove and/or treat the Council's residual (black bin) waste stream. However, given delays in its construction, it was not clear whether a 55% out-turn would be achieved by 2019. Further, it was unclear at this stage as to whether the UK would retain the EU Revised Waste Framework Directive recycling targets (i.e. 50% by 2020, post BREXIT).

A Member queried if there was a timeline of when the Derby Sinfin Waste Treatment Facility would be completed. The Improvement Officer agreed to follow this up with the relevant Officer and report back to Committee.

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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).

This target was reported as being on track.

Quarter 4 - LEQS's established 4% of streets and relevant land surveyed for litter fell below grade B cleanliness standards resulting in 96% meeting the target standard. Combined Q1, Q2, Q3 & Q4 figures indicate that 2% had fallen below the required standard resulting in 98% meeting the standard and achieving the 96% overall target.

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).

This target was reported as being on track.

Quarter 4 - LEQS's established 1% of streets and relevant land surveyed for dog fouling fell below grade B cleanliness standards resulting in 99% meeting the target standard. Combined results for Q1, Q2, Q3 & Q4 had resulted in a combined 99.75% meeting the target over the full year period.

In response to a Member's query, the Improvement Officer would investigate what action had been taken by Streetscene in the areas falling below grade B and report back to Committee.

The Scrutiny and Elections Officer reminded Members that the commentary in the performance reports related to the quarter in question only. Supplementary detail was available on the PERFORM system for Members to view further progress against the Targets.

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

This target was reported as being on track.

2017/2018 - 15 initiatives have been delivered this year which is 5 above the target.

Quarter 4 - Whitwell - educational initiative at school with recycling team. **Quarter 3** – Creswell and Langwith Junction & Tibshelf - educational initiative at school with recycling team. **Quarter 2** - Creswell - litter pick initiative with Community Champion, Carr Vale and Langwith - educational initiative, Bolsover and Shirebrook - educational initiative dog ownership/micro chipping, Shirebrook - educational initiative dog ownership/micro chipping (Polish community), Barlborough - enforcement initiative litter and dog fouling. **Quarter 1** - Shirebrook - enforcement initiative dog fouling, Bolsover and Shirebrook - educational initiative dog ownership/micro chipping, Barlborough - enforcement initiative litter.

A Member noted that schoolchildren from Tibshelf Infant and Nursery School had thoroughly enjoyed the educational initiative provided by Environmental Health officers.

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

This target was reported as being on track.

Quarter 4 - Work at Victoria House was complete. Energy use information would be available during the next financial year. Following an assessment of the current District Heating Schemes it had been decided that the most efficient and user friendly options would differ between sites under the safe and warm banner. In sheltered schemes this would include the installation of more efficient District heating, together with heat meters, which allowed better control (of temperature and times) by customers. Work would also be carried out to provide wet-rooms and a wider package of work to communal areas, rewiring, fire safety etc. In bungalows and flats the District Heating scheme would be replaced by individual combi boilers. In most cases work would also be carried out to provide wet-rooms or accessible bathrooms. This level of work was considerably more extensive than originally envisaged and would be given the highest priority within the capital program. However, whilst replacing District Heating with individual boilers was better for tenants, it made it much more difficult to measure energy usage. It was therefore suggested that this indicator be withdrawn. Instead a new indicator be developed around the number of properties where the heating was upgraded.

It had been agreed at the quarterly performance meeting on 19/04/18 to recommend to Executive that this target be withdrawn and replaced with one which reflected the more extensive work being carried out.

Additional information regarding this target was circulated at the meeting further to a query raised by the Chair and Vice Chair at the Committee's pre meeting;

- (1) In relation to the installation of renewed District Heating in sheltered schemes, what are the timescales for delivery of the work (i.e. would it be complete during the current Corporate Plan cycle)?*
- (2) In relation to the use of individual boilers rather than District Heating, what are the timescales for delivery of the work (i.e. would it be complete during the current Corporate Plan cycle)?*
- (3) Re Bold Text at end of comment – Can you clarify the wording of the revised target including timescales and the % of properties to be affected?*

Officer response;

1. No, although we are in the final year of the Corporate Plan, this work will roll into the following period.
The work carried out at the first scheme was much more extensive and included providing wet-rooms, heat meters, improving lighting, fire safety work, redecoration, new furniture and carpets. Work on other schemes was likely to be more extensive and included some remodelling (turning bedsits into flats) as well as the above.
2. No, although we are in the final year of the Corporate Plan, this work will roll into the following period.
Again, the work is more extensive than originally envisaged and includes upgrades to bathrooms, and other remodelling depending on the site.

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3. The draft proposed target was “Number of properties with communal heating systems upgraded to either a. Heat Meters and controllable heating or b. Individual Systems.” We are working on numbers, but for the reasons given above, this is likely to be a target that will last the whole of the next Corporate Plan.

A Member queried if the further extensive work required had taken these projects over budget and if more monies had needed to be found. The Improvement Officer agreed to follow this up with the relevant Officer and report back to Committee.

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

This target had been achieved.

Quarter 4 - Total of 363 boilers fitted by contractors this financial year. 41 fitted by Council Staff. 2017/18 - 404. All tenants with back boilers had been offered an upgrade to modern combi boilers. However, there remained some who had refused work (in which case work would be completed when the property next became empty). This task should therefore be regarded as completed ahead of target. Total fitted for corporate plan period -1,846.

H 17 - To deliver the Building Resilience Programme by September 2019

Quarter 4: The project team continued to deliver the programme both operationally within the community and across the strands with key officers internally and externally and strategically. An operational group drove the delivery of the programme, which was meeting regularly with some positive outcomes being achieved to date, including shared events calendars, good communication across the partners, good and enhanced progress against project delivery. All key staff were in place with the additional development of a Cultural Advisor currently being recruited onto the programme to further support agencies with cultural understanding within the community. The Market Square enlivenment strand was undergoing some amendments and discussions with MHCLG were ongoing in this respect. Opportunities to share learning continued and included meeting with other local authorities delivering the Controlling Migration Fund such as Rotherham and wider with the East Midlands Migration Board. The performance monitoring of each strand was currently being collected and preparations were underway for the midterm evaluation to be undertaken. Further details would be available to report on PERFORM once this had been completed.

Additional information regarding this target was circulated at the meeting further to a query raised by the Chair and Vice Chair at the Committee's pre meeting;

While Members appreciated the regular updates via the quarterly reports, was there a programme of more regular briefings/bulletins planned to further inform Members or would it be on an ad-hoc basis as events/evaluations took place?

Officer response;

Updates were provided to Council (presentation given by the Partnership Manager on the 25/04/18). There had been two occasions previous to this and Members had

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requested the Partnership Manager provide further presentations to Council after the Interim Evaluation, the results of which would be received in June 2018.

The Scrutiny and Elections Officer further clarified the original request, noting that while the response covered what had happened it did not clarify if there was a pre-determined programme of monitoring/evaluation reports. The Improvement Officer agreed to follow this up with the relevant officer and report back to Committee.

Moved by Councillor S. Peake and seconded by Councillor C.R. Moesby
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

The Improvement Officer left the meeting.

0795. UPDATE ON THE BOLSOVER COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2017-20 (MARCH 2018 REFRESH)

Committee considered a report which provided Members with an update on the refreshed three year Community Safety Partnership Plan following the Annual Review of the Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

Strategic Priorities 2017-2020;

Responsible senior officers had carried out a risk and threat process via information gathered and priorities were decided for the forthcoming twelve months, which also included local priorities. An action plan setting out these priorities and the action to be taken for each area was set out in an appendix to the report.

The following priorities had been identified (in alphabetical order);

- Acquisitive Crime
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Child Abuse and Child Sexual Exploitation (*replaces 'Safeguarding Children'*)
- Cyber Crime (*this was hugely increasing and linked to 'Child Abuse and Child Exploitation'*).
- Domestic Abuse
- Domestic Extremism (*local and national – this replaced 'Hate 'Crime' and 'Community Cohesion'*).
- **Fraud** (*this was a new priority and was also linked to 'Cyber Crime'*)
- Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime, Human Trafficking and Exploitation (*this was also an increasing crime type*)
- Organised Crime
- Sexual Violence (*this previously came under 'Domestic Abuse'*)
- Substance Misuse

A Member raised a query under antisocial behaviour in relation to the monitoring of deliberate fires. The Community Safety Officer advised the meeting that a great deal of action had been undertaken with regard to deliberate fires. A Deliberate Fires sub-group sat under the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategic Group and through a variety of agencies, any derelict properties or any problem properties were brought to meetings and these

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were tasked and actioned. For example, there had been problems with deliberate fires in Creswell and Shirebrook prior to Christmas; leaflet drops had been undertaken by fire and police cadets, target hardening and a number of people were arrested. Members were asked to note that statistics for deliberate fires were only noted if the Fire Service turned out. A community safety officer who was based at the Fire Service visited reported sites along with the SNT; any tasks from those visits were actioned by Bolsover's Community Safety Officer, for example, letters to the owners of the properties. The Member referred to recent problems at the Model Village, Shirebrook - the Community Safety Officer replied that leaflet drops had been undertaken and Environmental Health were also involved. She added that the minutes from the Deliberate Fires sub-group could be provided to Members if they wished.

Moved by Councillor S. Peake and seconded by Councillor C.R. Moesby

RESOLVED that (1) the report be noted,

(2) the minutes from the Deliberate Fires sub-group be provided to Members of the Committee by the Community Safety Officer.

(Scrutiny and Elections Officer)

The Community Safety Officer left the meeting.

0796. WORK PLAN 2017/18

It was noted that there was still some further work to do in relation to the completion of the Committee's review work on Enforcement.

There were also a number of policies coming forward for the Committee to consider before they were presented to Executive.

The Scrutiny and Elections Officer noted that this Committee also had the power to review the annual reports of the Clinical Commissioning Groups as core providers of health services within the District, however, she was aware that there were potential changes to the structure of the Groups and requested that Members who sat on Patient Group meetings or other meetings provide the relevant contact officer links to her.

The Scrutiny and Elections Officer circulated a breakdown of figures for local area statistics from the annual assessment by the Community Safety Partnership.

The formal meeting concluded at 1035 hours and Members then met as a working party to continue their review work. The working party concluded at 1100 hours.