

HEALTHY, SAFE, CLEAN AND GREEN COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, High Street, Clowne, on Friday, 21st June, 2019, at 1000 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor David Downes in the Chair

Councillors Mrs Pat Cooper, Natalie Hoy, Tom Munro, Evonne Parkin, Peter Roberts, Dan Salt and Janet Tait.

Officers:- Amar Bashir (Improvement Officer)(to minute No. 0083), Joanne Wilson (Scrutiny & Elections Officer) and Lindsay Harshaw (Partnerships Policy Officer)

Also in attendance at the meeting (to Minute No. 0083) were Councillors Nick Clarke, Mary Dooley, Sandra Peake, Liz Smyth and Deborah Watson.

0077. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Ross Walker.

0078. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no Urgent items of Business to consider.

0079. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

0080. MINUTES – 18TH MARCH, 2019

Moved by Councillor Sandra Peake and seconded by Councillor Mrs Pat Cooper.
RESOLVED that the Minutes of a Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 18th March, 2019, be approved as a correct record.

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0081. LIST OF KEY DECISIONS & ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

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

Moved by Councillor David Downes and seconded by Councillor Mrs Pat Cooper. **RESOLVED** that the List of Key Decisions and Items to be considered in Private be noted.

0082. CORPORATE PLAN TARGETS PERFORMANCE UPDATE – JANUARY 2019 TO MARCH 2019 – QUARTER 4 – 2018/19

An explanation of the report as presented was provided and the following summary was highlighted:-

Supporting our Communities to be Healthier, Safer, Cleaner and Greener

- 17 targets in total (6 targets previously achieved – H05, H06, H08, H13, H14, H16, 1 target previously withdrawn – H15, 1 target suspended previously – H04)
- 1 target on track (H17 - runs until September 2019)
- 2 targets have been marked as failed as they have not achieved their intended outcomes by March 2019:
 - **H 03** - *Deliver a health intervention programme which provides 900 adults per year with a personal exercise plan via the exercise referral scheme.* - Despite not meeting the target this year, this target has been exceeded in years 1 to 3 of the corporate plan.
 - **H09** - *Achieve a combined recycling and composting rate of 49% by March 2019.* See appendix to the report for information including performance outturns for the corporate plan period.
- 6 targets have been achieved
 - **H 01** - *Deliver a minimum of 8000 hours of positive activity through community based culture and leisure engagement per year.*
 - **H 02** - *Increase participation/attendances in leisure, sport, recreation, health, physical and cultural activity by 3,000 per year.*
 - **H 07** - *Assist partners in reducing crime by delivering 12 Crime Cracking events in the community each year.*
 - **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).*
 - **H 12** - *Annually undertake 10 local environmental enforcement and educational initiatives in targeted areas to deal with dog fouling, littering or fly tipping.*

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The Corporate Plan Targets Update – Q4 January to March 2019 was considered and the following comments made:-

- H 07 – *Assist partners in reducing crime by delivering 12 Crime Cracking events in the community each year* – 01.07.18 – Brookhill Hall, South Normanton be amended to Pinxton
- H 09 – *Achieve a combined recycling and composting rate of 49% by March 2019* – Further details were provided in Appendices 4 & 6. Concern was expressed in relation to transportation of waste to the Sin Fin, Derby, site and the need to reduce the carbon footprint of Bolsover District Council operations. Members discussed and agreed that clarity was needed from the Head of Service/Derbyshire County Council should be contacted to make enquires on future provision for the Bolsover/Chesterfield/ North East Derbyshire areas, in relation to distance travelled to waste transfer points. It was suggested that the Joint Head of Streetscene be invited to attend a future meeting to provide further information in relation to Derbyshire County Council's future plans.
- 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)* – It was suggested that Parish/Town Councils be contacted and asked to provide details of litter-picking activity taking place within their communities to assist Bolsover District Council delivery of this target. Concern was also expressed in relation to plastics being disposed of in rivers and the need for educating residents on the effects of litter pollution. It was noted that links had been made with local schools and that this target was classed as an achievement.

Moved by Councillor Tom Munro and seconded by Councillor Mrs Pat Cooper
RESOLVED that (1) progress against the Corporate Plan 2015-2019 targets be noted,

(2) the Joint Head of Streetscene/Derbyshire County Council be contacted regarding future waste disposal provision for north eastern Derbyshire, and

(3) the Joint Head of Streetscene be invited to attend a future meeting to provide further information

(Improvement Officer/Scrutiny & Elections Officer)

The Improvement Officer and Councillors Nick Clarke, Mary Dooley, Sandra Peake, Liz Smyth and Deborah Watson left the meeting.

0083. AGREEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

An updated copy of Appendix 2 of the Work Programme 2019/20 report was circulated for consideration and comment. It was explained that Appendix 1 was the schedule which set out details of the timetable and Appendix 2 provided details of the suggested topics to be reviewed.

The Scrutiny & Elections Officer briefed Members on each of the 12 suggested topics that Members were required to choose from in turn and a discussion took place. The following comments were made:-

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1. *Review of the Council's Approach to Open Water Safety* – Reference was made to the work being undertaken in schools by Leisure Services and existing safety measures in place currently on BDC property. It was suggested that a report providing details of the impact be requested during early 2020.
2. *Review of how to embed learning outcomes from the NG20 scheme across the District* – It was suggested that the Partnership Strategy & Policy Team be requested to give a presentation on the achievements made during Phase 1. It was noted that funding had been received for Phase 2 of the Building Resilience Programme. A Member asked that a summary of progress with the initiative be provided by email as soon as possible.
3. *Review of the Council's approach to mitigation of Air Pollution* – Concern was expressed at the level of air pollution around the Treble Bob roundabout, Barlborough, and Clowne. A brief explanation of the measures was provided and discussion ensued in relation to the effects of air pollution on health and in particular mental health, e.g. links to dementia. A Member asked that Environmental Health be requested to give consideration to monitoring other hot spots throughout the District and following discussion it was suggested that focus be placed on the four town centres. Concerns were also expressed in relation to air pollution near schools.

Following lengthy discussion it was agreed that a review be undertaken in relation to air pollution near schools, the M1 and the four town centres.

4. *Review of the Council's approach to Emergency Planning/Disaster Recovery* – Members had recently attended a Briefing Session on this topic. A query was raised as to whether Bolsover District Council had undergone a mock emergency.
5. *Review of the Council's approach to 'Climate Emergency'* - It was noted that the Council had recently adopted a Carbon Reduction Plan with Portfolio Holder responsibilities and it was suggested that the Executive Member and Joint Strategic Director People be requested to provide an update in three months' time.

Discussion ensued regarding the development of solar panel/wind turbine farms. A Member advised that policies within the Local Plan encouraged the development of these types of farms.

6. *Review of Facilities for Young People* – A Member advised that Derbyshire County Council would be withdrawing Youth Services in the near future, which would impact on facilities available to young people within the District. Concern was expressed that this had not been communicated effectively to local communities. It was noted that some Parish/Town Councils had linked with Bolsover District Council's Leisure Services to provide leisure activities for all ages.

The Scrutiny & Elections Officer advised that following links made with the Youth Council, consultation was currently taking place to find out how young people of

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secondary school age accessed information about Council Services and their frequency of using Council Services. The results of this consultation would be available during September 2019.

A Member mentioned that their Town Council had recently undertaken a survey of young people and this had revealed that they would like somewhere safe to congregate on the local park (with CCTV cameras) and Wi-Fi.

A Member queried the process for selecting members to represent their school on the Youth Council. The Scrutiny & Elections Officer agreed to make enquiries and report back accordingly.

Concerns were expressed in relation to young people experiencing transport barriers in accessing leisure provision.

7. *Review of Council's partnership role in supporting children in care and care leavers* - Discussion took place regarding the need to ensure that all appropriate links were made with Council services, e.g. Housing Department, Human Resources (Apprenticeships), in order to provide support to children in care and care leavers.
8. *Review of Council's approach to Homelessness* – A brief explanation of Appendix 3 was provided. It was suggested that a briefing summary be provided for new Councillors.
9. *Review of the Environmental Impacts of HS2* – Agreed that this topic for review was a low priority.
10. *Review of the Authority's approach to Mental Health education and support* – An update would be provided in line with the Council's Health & Wellbeing Strategy. Concerns were expressed in relation to waiting times for support. It was noted that the Council could only signpost people to support.

Reference was made to the Building Resilience Programme and the support provided at Café 101 which was a peer led initiative. It was suggested that the Partnership Strategy & Policy Team be approached to enquire whether this scheme could be replicated in other areas within the District.

It was noted that safeguarding reference cards would be issued in the near future and Members queried whether a similar support tool could be created for Mental Health support services. It was agreed effective communication was needed to inform residents of the support available to help those experiencing mental health problems.

11. *Review of the impact of Universal Credit (UC) on school age children and the number of those children in poverty* – This item is linked into the Welfare Reform work stream of the North Derbyshire Transforming Communities Group that was working in partnership with Bolsover District Council, Chesterfield Borough Council and North East Derbyshire District Council. It was suggested that this be a future topic for a Members Briefing Session.

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12. *Review of Regulations related to keeping bees in a domestic setting* – It was agreed that this item was not a priority for review.

Moved by Councillor Tom Munro and seconded by Councillor Janet Tait

RESOLVED that (1) the report and Programme attached at Appendix 1 be noted,

(2) within Appendix 2, Topic 3) Review of the Council's approach to mitigation of Air Pollution with a focus on the four town centres, M1 and schools, and Topic 7) Review of Council's partnership role in supporting children in care and care leavers, be subject to review simultaneously,

(3) officers from Leisure Services be invited to attend to advise on BDC activity in relation to Open Water Safety education and current safety provision on BDC sites, in early 2020.

(4) the Partnership Strategy & Policy Team be requested to give a presentation on the achievements of the Building Resilience Programme Phase 1 and plans for Phase 2,

(5) a summary of progress of the Building Resilience Programme be circulated to Members of the Healthy, Safe, Clean and Green Communities Scrutiny Committee as soon as possible,

(6) an enquiry be made to the BDC Emergency Planning Lead in relation to the testing of resilience plans,

(7) the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Impact and the Joint Strategic Director People be requested to provide an update in relation to the Review of the Council's approach to 'Climate Emergency', in three months' time,

(8) that a suggestion be passed to Member Development Steering Group for a future item on BDC Approach to Housing Needs,

(9) the Partnership Strategy & Policy Team be approached regarding the potential for rolling out the Café 101 initiative into other areas of the District, and

(10) that a suggestion be passed to Member Development Steering Group for a future item on the Impact of Universal Credit (UC) on school age children and the number of those children in poverty.

(Scrutiny & Elections Officer)

The meeting concluded at 1211 hours.