

## Minutes of Community Services Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 1 September 2015, starting at 6.30pm  
Present: Councillor R J Thompson (Chairman)

Councillors:

J E Alcock	R Newmark
R Bennett	M Robinson
A Brown	G Scott
S Carefoot	R Swarbrick
P Dobson	N Walsh
M French	J White
S Hind	

In attendance: Director of Resources, Head of Engineering Services, Head of Culture and Leisure Services, Waste Management Officer.

### 198 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillor P Elms.

### 199 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2015 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 200 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the meeting.

### 201 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

### 202 THE WASTE (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2011 (AMENDED 2012) – REVIEW OF WASTE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

The Director of Community Services submitted a report advising Members on the implications of the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 (Amended 2012) and seeking Committee's approval of the Necessity and Technically Environmentally and Economically Practicable (TEEP) Assessments carried out by officers on the Council's current waste collection arrangements. The report outlined the background to the Regulations and informed Committee that the amendment to Regulation 13 meant that Councils needed to collect for glass, cans, plastic and paper separately and that there were two tests; a necessity test and a Technical Environmental Economic and Practicable (TEEP) test. In practical terms this meant that local authorities would need to consider their collection arrangements against these requirements. The Regulations do not prohibit the comingle collection of these materials, rather they established separate collection as the default and it is for the local authority to demonstrate

that separate collection is not necessary or practicable in their area. The Regulation was more about improving the quantity and quality of the material collected and the ability of material processes to sort materials and provide high quality materials for subsequent use through closed loop recycling.

The Environment Agency enforces this new duty and they have already written to every local authority setting out how it intends to apply its regulatory role. In undertaking the assessments required to determine whether the authority is compliant with the new Regulations, officers had followed the step by step process as set out in the Waste Regulations Route Map. The process includes the necessity test which is the key test in determining whether separate collection would lead to an increase in the quantity and/or quality of material collected for recycling. This concluded that the quantity of glass, can and plastic bottles recovered through our comingled kerbside collection arrangement was very good and that higher yield of closed loop recycling were unlikely to be achieved through separate collection of paper, metal and plastic, thus the TEEP test was not required. For glass however, although the evidence showed that the yield of glass recovered is very good the percentage sent for closed loop recycling from the material recycling facility at Farrington Waste Technology Park suggested that it does not meet quality standards/specifications for re-melt and that separate collections may improve this figure. This therefore had to be subjected to the TEEP test. This meant that consideration had to be given as to whether it was practically beneficial to provide separate collection of glass in order to recover 809 tonnes of non-compliant glass for closed loop recycling. The TEEP test concluded that although it was technically practicable to provide separate collection for glass it was neither environmentally nor economically practicable. The report concluded that Regulation 12 requiring local authorities to meet the waste hierarchy for all waste it is responsible for had been met. This now required an official sign-off by both the Director of Community Services and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services as well as Committee approval. The Authority is also committed to reviewing this assessment process in the event of key triggers.

RESOLVED: That Committee

1. endorse the outcome of the TEEP Assessment; and
2. endorse the continuation of the current household waste and recycling collection service.

203 2014/15 YEAR END PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee of the year-end report of 2014/15 that detailed performance against local performance indicators.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

204 CAPITAL MONITORING 2015/16

The Director of Resources submitted a report for Committee's information relating to the progress of the approved Community Committee capital

programme for the period April to July 2015. There were 11 new schemes for Community Committee totalling £436,600 and an additional item for the installation of 3G artificial pitch scheme which had been moved from 2014/15 to 2015/16. This increased the budget by £47,000. As at the end of July 2015, although only 12.5% of the annual capital programme for this Committee had been spent, a number of orders had been placed which meant that 65.6% of the budget was now committed.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

205 REVENUE OUTTURN 2014/15

The Director of Resources submitted a report on the outturn for the financial year 2014/15 in respect of the revenue budget for this Committee. She reported that after transfers to and from earmarked reserves the overall underspend was £133,041 which had been added to general fund balances. The report outlined the main variations along with the budget holder's comments.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

206 REVENUE MONITORING 2015/16

The Director of Resources submitted a report informing Committee of the position for the period April to July 2015 of this year's revenue budget as far as this Committee was concerned. The report outlined by cost centre a comparison between actual expenditure and the original estimate for the period to the end of July. The variations between budget and actuals had been split into groups of red, amber and green variance. The main variations were highlighted along with the budget holder's comments.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

207 GENERAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Director of Community Services submitted a report updating Committee on leisure and sports development, healthy lifestyles, the Platform Galley and Visitor Information Centre. He also gave a verbal update on progress of the Tour of Britain preparations.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

208 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies.

The meeting closed at 7.12pm.

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