

Select Committee Review

Wednesday 22 March 2017

PRESENT:

Councillor Bowie, in the Chair.
Councillor Ball, Vice Chair.
Councillors Mrs Aspinall, Churchill and Storer.

Also in attendance: Councillor Michael Leaves (Cabinet Member for Strategic Streetscene/ Environment), Gareth Harrison-Poole (Street Cleansing & Grounds Manager), Ross Jago (Lead Officer) and Helen Rickman (Democratic Support Officer).

The meeting started at 3.00 pm and finished at 4.30 pm.

Note: At a future meeting, the Panel will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.

5. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest in accordance with the code of conduct.

6. Chair's Urgent Business

There were no items of Chair's Urgent Business.

7. Select Committee Review: Plan for Waste

Members discussed the Plan for Waste as detailed below.

8. Supporting Information

Members received a report detailing the Plan for Waste.

9. Recommendations

Councillor Michael Leaves (Cabinet Member for Strategic Streetscene/ Environment) and Gareth Harrison-Poole (Street Cleansing and Grounds Manager) provided Members with a brief overview of the Plan for Waste.

Members were advised that –

- a) one of the key aims of the policy was to increase the rate of recycling across the city to 40% by 2020 (rising by 50% by 2034) and to reduce the overall waste generated in brown bins through a combination of awareness raising and

education campaigns;

- b) assisted bin collections would be under periodic review to ensure those registered were still eligible; letters would be sent to residents detailing the forthcoming changes and a contact number would be listed for any advice/queries;
- c) those requesting for assistance in presenting and tidying away their bins would receive a home visit by officers to assess their eligibility; each request would be assessed on a case by case basis;
- d) refuse lorries were all fitted with a weightmaster system to ensure that lorries were never carrying too much waste resulting in the vehicle being overweight; refuse collection rounds were calculated based on the average weight per bin however it was the responsibility of the driver to ensure the lorry was safe;
- e) the council had an ageing fleet of refuse vehicles however was still rated green on the RAG rating score;
- f) the risk of paying local businesses to remove resident's waste privately would be included as part of the re-education campaign as some residents were unaware that those disposing of waste needed a waste transfer note;
- g) residents would be charged for the delivery of a new refuse bin however no charge would be applied if the bin was collected in person at a local depot.

The following was agreed –

1. agreed the recommendation within the report, subject to –
 - a) the definition of periodic reviews regarding assisted collections to be included within the report;
 - b) a clear explanation of the staged approach to enforcement, including the cost and use of fixed penalty notices;
2. further agreed, to inform future scrutiny, that members are provided with 2016/17 baseline statistics for the provision for waste collection and the level of contacts with the Council regarding waste services. This will include, but is not limited to:
 - domestic waste tonnages;
 - domestic recycling tonnages;
 - missed residual waste bins;
 - missed recycling bins;
 - bulky collection calls made;

- street cleaning litter tonnages;
- percentage of bin missed per 10,000 properties;
- fuel usage, reductions;
- number of people/organisations subject to fines or prosecution for fly posting;
- calls received at contact centre regarding waste collection services;
- maintenance of fleet vehicle;
- number of assisted collections.