

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

26th June 2013

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith (Chairman), Councillor Atkin (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor Mrs. Patten.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Dunn and Pearson.

OS/1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Mrs. Hood (Conservative Group) and Councillor Mrs. Mead (Labour Group).

OS/2. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th March 2013 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

OS/3. **SCOPING DOCUMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERING**

The Committee gave consideration to a draft scoping document for this proposed review area. It two work areas being the Environmental Forum Group and businesses that wanted to do voluntary work for the local community. The Council had a role to facilitate such relationships and there was existing funding available through the South Derbyshire Partnership. Members took the opportunity to submit questions and responses were provided about risk assessments, feedback and costs of the schemes, together with how work was prioritised, and the aims of the project. It was proposed that the review be undertaken through a task group with nominations being submitted. Other areas considered were the timescales for the review and environmental tasks to be completed, with a specific proposal being made to look at the Sainsbury's supermarket site at Newhall.

It was agreed:-

- 1) **That the scoping document be approved as submitted.**
- 2) **That a task group comprising Councillors Pearson and Mrs. Plenderleith undertake the review and report back periodically to the Committee.**

- 3) **That the proposed timescale for the completion of the review is to the 11th December Committee Meeting.**

OS/4. **SCOPING DOCUMENT - CLEANSING AND LITTER COLLECTION**

The Committee gave consideration to the draft scoping document for this review. It had been proposed at the annual work programming session by Councillor Bell, who was no longer a Member of the Committee. Members reviewed the document, proposing alterations to the terms of reference to include the consideration of dog fouling issues and regarding the collection of litter, immediately prior to grass cutting by grounds maintenance staff. The Committee was advised of the different sections involved with delivering the service. Members raised particular problems being experienced at some recycling sites. Reference was made to the changes to recycling arrangements, the involvement of the Environmental and Development Services Committee and potential scale of the project in looking at cleansing, litter and dog fouling. However, other Members thought this would be a good review area before implementation of the new arrangements. The Committee also discussed how this review would be conducted.

It was agreed:-

- 1) **That a task group comprising Councillors Dunn and Mrs Patten undertake the review supported by the Director of Housing & Environmental Services.**
- 2) **That the scoping document be amended as outlined above, in line with Members' instructions.**
- 3) **That the proposed timescale for the completion of the review is to the meeting on 11th September 2013.**

OS/5. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee reviewed its work programme and received updates. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman had attended a session facilitated by Derby City Council entitled "Effective Scrutiny in Challenging Times". In addition, the Regional Scrutiny meeting had been held the previous week and reports were provided on both events.

The Committee noted the forward work programme.

MRS. A. PLENDERLEITH

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 6.50 p.m.