

Item 4

Time Commenced – 18.00

Time Finished – 18:55

Integrating Communities Overview and Scrutiny Board 14 November 2016

Present: Councillor Pegg (Chair)
Councillors Bayliss, Hudson and Nawaz

Officers David Gartside, Acting Director, Strategic Partnership, Planning and Streetpride

08/16 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Skelton and Sandhu

09/16 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

10/16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

11/16 Minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2016

The minutes of the meetings held on 25 July 2016 were confirmed as an accurate record.

12/16 Removal of Post Office Boxes from Communities

The Board received a report of the Director of Strategic Partnerships, Planning and Streetpride setting out the position in respect of the redundant post office boxes located in communities across the city. Royal Mail have confirmed these boxes are no longer in use and indicated that they are in the process of removing all street mounted Post Office boxes nationally.

It was acknowledged that the Council do have the power to intervene to secure the early removal of any boxes which they feel are unsafe. The Board discussed the merits of having a press release to inform the public of this and getting the information put on the Council's website along with an email address for the public to contact re any dangerous grey Post Office boxes.

It was acknowledged that some people have utilised these redundant boxes and it was acknowledged that the individual would be liable for the individual box and would need to contact the Royal Mail to request ownership of the particular box.

The Board resolved to:

- 1. Note that Royal Mail have indicated that they are in process of removing all street mounted Post Office boxes nationally**
- 2. Note that the Council do have the power to intervene to secure the early removal of boxes where they may be unsafe.**
- 3. Have a press release to raise public awareness on these boxes and advise them to alert the Council of any unsafe boxes.**
- 4. Have details posted on the Council Website**
- 5. Have a generic email address for the public to report unsafe boxes to.**

13/16 Traffic Control at Roundabouts

The Board received a report of the Director of Strategic Partnerships, Planning and Streetpride detailing the benefits and dis-benefits of signal control on traffic islands/roundabouts. The Board were also briefed on the complexity of the traffic control system, particularly in managing peak travel time.

Further discussion was held on the problems at Kingsway and what plans were in place to improve the traffic flow there.

David Gartside informed that Board that there was currently work being undertaken predicting the increase of traffic in the future and areas where traffic congestion is anticipated, along with proposals to alleviate these. David Gartside confirmed that he hoped to be able to share this with the Board early next year.

Resolved to:

- 1. Note the contents of the report**
- 2. Receive further updates when available.**

14/16 A52 Wyvern Junction Improvements

The Board received a report of the Director of Strategic Partnerships, Planning and Streetpride updating them on the A52 Wyvern Junction Improvement scheme. The Board were informed that planning consent had now been given, but funding was still being sought. The Board were shown an updated plan and briefed on the improvement scheme. It was confirmed that work was due to commence in May 2017 and it was anticipated it would take 2 years to complete.

Resolved to note the contents of the report

15/16 Parking Enforcement and Penalty Charge Income

The Board received a report of the Director of Strategic Partnerships, Planning and Streetpride giving details of income received from parking enforcement activities and clarification about where and when enforcement takes place. The Board were informed on how CCTV has helped in catching and deterring

offenders and were updated on the figures which are available on the Council's website. It was confirmed that the surplus income generated is re-invested into highways improvements.

Resolved to note the contents of the report

16/16 Remit, Work Programme and Topic Reviews

The Board received a report of the Chief Executive. The Board discussed the draft work programme and agreed what items they would like bring to the next meeting

Resolved to:

- 1) Note the report**
- 2) Agree the draft work programme**

MINUTES END