

Commenced – 6.00 pm
Concluded – 7.30 pm

Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board
3 September 2013

Present: Councillor Stanton (Chair)
Councillors Barker, Naitta, Nawaz, Pegg, Poulter, Redfern and L
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14/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Keith

15/13 Late Items

There were no late items.

16/13 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17/13 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2013

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2013 were agreed as a correct and signed by the Chair.

18/13 Call-in

There were no items.

19/13 Forward Plan

An extract of the Council Cabinet Forward Plan including items relating to the board's terms of reference was considered.

Member requested that items 67/12, 68/12 and 69/12 be removed from the Forward Plan or be brought to Council Cabinet.

Members wanted an opportunity to consider and comment upon the following item, if it was available before it went to Cabinet:

- Item 13/13 – Review of the Derby City and Derbyshire Waste Processing Contract

Resolved:

- 1. to request that items 67/12, 68/12 and 69/12 be removed from the Forward Plan or be brought to Council Cabinet; and**
- 2. to request that item 13/13 'Review of the Derby City and Derbyshire Waste Processing Contract' be brought to the Board if it is available before it goes to Council Cabinet.**

20/13 Introduction of bigger blue bins for co-mingled dry recyclate

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on the introduction of bigger blue bins for co-mingled dry recyclate collections. The report was presented by the Director of Partnerships and Streetpride and the Policy Strategy Manager. It was reported that on 4 June 2013 the new co-mingled recycling service was introduced, enabling Derby's householders to recycle all of their paper, card, plastic, glass and cans waste in one blue bin. Members noted that this enabled Waste Management to reduce the resources it used to collect such materials and to review its contractual relationships to deliver a long term stable approach to processing this material.

It was reported that the implementation of the scheme was expected to deliver full year effect savings of around £500,000. Members asked whether the expected savings were still on target. It was reported that they were. The Board requested that a report be brought to a future meeting on whether or not the expected savings had been achieved.

Members noted that in the first two months of the new service an additional 15 per cent of material was collected in blue bins compared to the bin and bags system used in the same weeks the previous year. Members asked whether the increase was due to inappropriate waste being put in the bins. It was reported that Biffa had carried out trials on this and had found 1.2 per cent to 4.9 per cent of inappropriate waste in the blue bins. Members requested that further figures on blue bin contamination be brought to a future meeting of the Board.

Members asked whether the old blue bins would be recycled. It was reported that households could keep them if they wished, some would be retained for those who wanted them and the rest would be collected and recycled. Members requested that a report be brought to a future meeting of the Board on how the collection of the smaller blue bins had been promoted.

Members noted that a new chargeable brown bin scheme was due to start in April 2014 and asked when households would be informed about the details. It was reported that there would be a campaign to promote the new scheme and information for those who wanted to opt out. Members discussed how the new scheme would work. Members requested that figures on the numbers of people opting to pay for the new scheme be brought to a future meeting of the Board

Members asked whether the recycling plant on Victory Road was still the main recycling site. It was confirmed that it was the main hub and that some materials were processed on site and some were sent to other facilities. It was reported that,

over time, the aim was to maximise the materials processed on site. Members requested that they be invited to undertake a site visit.

Members discussed the areas in the city where recycling had not worked, resulting in contaminated bins and waste on the street. Members noted that a trial was taking place in Arboretum ward where some streets were only provided with black bins that were collected weekly. Members discussed the use of education and enforcement in problem areas. Members also discussed the problems caused by fly tipping. It was reported that regular free bulky waste collections took place in some wards to address the problem.

Resolved:

- 1. note the report;**
- 2. to request that a report be brought to the Board on whether or not the expected savings have been achieved;**
- 3. to request that blue bin contamination figures be brought to a future meeting of the Board;**
- 4. to request that a report be brought to a future meeting of the Board on how the collection of the smaller blue bins has been promoted;**
- 5. to request that figures on the numbers of people opting to pay for the brown bin scheme be brought to a future meeting of the Board; and**
- 6. to request the Members of the Board be invited to visit the recycling plant on Victory Road.**

21/13 Refuse Collections Assisted Collection Service

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods on Refuse Collection Assisted Collection Service. The report was presented by the Director of Partnerships and Streetpride and the Policy Strategy Manager. It was reported that, for a number of years, the City Council had offered a service to those households that had difficulty handling and presenting their wheeled refuse bins for collection and that the report sought the Board to recommend that the service be maintained.

Members noted that there were currently over 4,500 households in Derby that had an assisted collection service, also known as an 'Exemption'. It was reported that the service was available on application and that this could be made by householders and on their behalf by relatives, Councillors and other partner organisations.

Members asked whether applicants were means tested and it was confirmed that they were not. Members discussed possible abuses of the system and considered ways that they could be addressed. Members agreed that a sample survey should be carried out on the 'Exemption' list to determine whether those people surveyed were happy with the service and also whether or not they still qualified for it. Members further agreed that if any problems were identified, on completion of the sample survey, the results be brought to a future meeting of the Board.

Resolved:

- 1. to maintain the current Refuse Collection Assisted Collection (Exemption) Service;**
- 2. to request that a sample survey be carried out on the 'Exemption' list to determine whether those surveyed are happy with the service and also still qualify to receive the service; and**
- 3. to request that if any problems are identified, on completion of the sample survey, the results be brought to a future meeting of the Board.**

22/13 Quarterly Crime Statistics

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources on Quarter 1 Crime Statistics for Derby City. The statistics were provided by Derbyshire Constabulary.

The Board considered the statistics and agreed that a Crime Statistics report should be brought to the Board on a quarterly basis and that the crime groupings should be broken down further. Members also agreed that, on an annual basis, a Crime Statistics report be brought to the Board that showed the statistics ward by ward.

Members agreed that it would be valuable for a representative of Safe and Sound to attend a future meeting of the Board, to talk about their work to end child sexual exploitation. Members also requested that a member of the Domestic Violence Team be invited to speak to the Board on relevant crime statistics.

Resolved:

- 1. to consider and note the statistics;**
- 2. to request that a Crime Statistics report be brought to the Board on a quarterly basis and that the crime groupings be broken down further;**
- 3. to request that a Crime Statistics report be brought to the Board annually that shows the statistics ward by ward;**
- 4. to request that a representative from Safe and Sound be invited to speak to the Board on their work to end child sexual exploitation; and**
- 5. to request that a member of the Domestic Violence Team be invited to speak to the Board on relevant crime statistics.**

23/13 Draft Work Programme

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources on Work Programme of the Neighbourhoods Board. The report was presented by the Scrutiny and Civic Services Manager. It was reported that at the last meeting of the Board, Members were asked to provide suggestions for the Board's annual work programme. Members were asked to consider the items received, which were included in a table at Appendix 2 of the report, and adopt a work programme for 2013-14.

Resolved to consider and adopt a work programme for the current municipal year.

MINUTES END