

Time commenced	3.00pm
Time finished	3.20pm

ENVIRONMENT AND DIRECT SERVICES CABINET MEMBER MEETING

31 JANUARY 2006

Present: Councillor Bolton

Also present: Councillors Ahern, Bolton, Care and Carr

01/05 Apologies

There were no apologies for absence.

02/05 Late Items Introduced by the Cabinet Member

There were no late items

03/05 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Non-Key Decisions

04/05 Changes in the Abandoned Vehicle Regime

The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Corporate Director for Environmental Services relating to the removal and disposal of abandoned vehicles contained in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. Ian Donnelly reported that the sections of the Act relating to abandoned vehicles commenced on 18 October 2005. The provisions related to the removal and disposal of vehicles, including:

- the immediate removal of vehicles that are 'fit for destruction' and their immediate disposal
- the reduction of the storage period for vehicles that are not 'fit for destruction' to 7 days. If the keeper cannot be found or fails to claim the vehicle from storage within this time the vehicle can be disposed of.
- the removal of the need to store taxed vehicles until the tax period expires.
- taxed vehicles that do not display registration plates and do not have a registered keeper, to be disposed of immediately after removal.

It was reported that in the nine months prior to 31 December 2005 there had been 778 reports of abandoned vehicles and 240 had been removed.

Councillor Bolton reported that at a recent meeting with DEFRA and Margaret Beckett MP it had been noted that Derby were dealing with abandoned vehicles efficiently.

Resolved to approve the use of measures relating to the removal and disposal of abandoned vehicles contained in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

05/05 Food Standards Agency Audit of Derby

The Cabinet Member considered a report from the Corporate Director for Environmental Services that detailed the results of the Food Standards Agency Audit. Mel Smith reported that Derby City Council had been audited by the Food Standards Agency at the end of 2005. It was reported that the auditors focused on three specific areas:

- home authority principle arrangements
- advice to businesses
- food/animal feeding stuffs safety and standards promotion.

The audit was concluded with a 'reality check' where businesses were contacted by the auditors about our service. It was reported that if any faults had been found then an action plan would have been produced and any points would have to be addressed, however none were found.

Resolved to note the results of the Food Standards Agency Audit and issue a press release on the success of the audit.

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