

Commenced – 6.00 pm  
Concluded – 7.33 pm

Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Board  
9 September 2014

Present: Councillor Bayliss (Chair)  
Councillors Barker, Bolton, J Khan, Naitta, Nawaz and Poulter

## 08/14 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies.

## 09/14 Late Items

There were no late items.

## 10/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations.

## 11/14 Minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2014

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 12/14 Forward Plan

The board received a copy of the Forward Plan published in September 2014. Three items within the board's remit were included, namely:

- Local Transport Plan 3, Implementation Plan
- Highways and Transport, Streetpride Plant and Equipment and Flood Defence Capital Programmes
- District Centres Regeneration Programme.

### **Resolved to note the Forward Plan**

## 13/14 Review of Litter and Fly Tipping

The board received a report of the Strategic Director of Resources detailing options for a review of litter and fly tipping in the city. The report and supporting information

was provided by the Head of Highways and Engineering and the Head of Environmental Health and Licensing.

It was reported that the report had been brought before the board following its resolution in July to undertake a review on litter and fly tipping. Members were advised that consideration of the item had been brought forward to enable the board to contribute to a Communities and Local Government Select Committee inquiry on litter. The board was told that the review would need to be completed by 16 October 2014 to enable the board to contribute to the select committee. A draft paper to be considered for submission to the inquiry had been prepared by the Head of Highways and Engineering and was circulated.

Areas for consideration included what sort of problems the city faced, how effective actions for managing the issue had proved to be, whether statute and regulations provided an effective framework for addressing problems and what roles citizens had in helping to tackle litter.

Members suggested cultural differences could be a contributory factor to littering and waste being left on the street. Differing views were offered by councillors on whether education or enforcement was the best solution to address this. It was noted that enforcement had proved more successful in other areas but that this had been achieved at the expense of other areas not being prioritised.

**Resolved to:**

- 1) Propose to the Council Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Streetpride that the draft paper considered by the board forms the basis of the council's executive response to the Communities and Local Government Select Committee's inquiry on litter; and**
- 2) Submit the draft paper as the overview and scrutiny board's response to the inquiry.**

## **14/14      Exclusion of Press and Public**

**Resolved that under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.**

## **15/14      Update on the council's long-term waste management contract**

The board received a report of the Strategic Director of Neighbourhoods detailing exempt information in relation to progress made on the council's waste management contract.

It was reported by the Director of Streetpride that financial close was achieved on 20 August 2014 and that construction of the plant had commenced. The board was told

that the plant was on course to be completed by April 2017, though it was hoped the structure would be in place from November 2016.

The director was asked to explain the risks attached to the unitary charge being subject to an increase due to inflation. It was accepted by the director that there was inevitably some element of risk but that it was considered that there was a reduction in risk compared to the likely annual increase in landfill costs.

**Resolved to:**

- **note that financial close was achieved within set timescales;**
- **recommend that the plant be completed by November 2016 to achieve higher feed in tariffs; and**
- **request that members of the board be provided with an opportunity to go on a site visit at an appropriate time.**

MINUTES END