

Time commenced 6.00pm
Time finished 7.55pm

**NEIGHBOURHOODS COMMISSION
19 OCTOBER 2011**

Present: Councillor Jackson (Chair)
Councillors Davis, Hillier, Keith, Rawson, Richards and Troup

33/11 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

34/11 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were no late items.

35/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

36/11 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair

37/11 Call-in

There were no call-ins received for the commission to consider.

38/11 Weekly Bin Collections and Recycling Cardboard

The Commission considered an update from M McLachlan, Head of Waste Management on the Government initiative to encourage Councils to return to weekly collections for non recyclable waste. If a Council did revert to weekly collections they would need to commit to this for five years. It was estimated that to implement this would cost around £1m per year. It was also anticipated that there would be a drop in recycling rates and increase in the use of landfill. The Council's current contracts expired in 2015 and therefore were not in a position to commit to the full five years required. Commission Members raised concerns about the effect this would have particularly on recycling rates.

The Commission recommended Council Cabinet not to reinstate the weekly bin collections for non recyclable waste due to the cost implications and the effect it would have on recycling rates.

M McLachlan also gave an update on recycling of cardboard. The new collections would be implemented from 6 December 2011. An awareness campaign had been drawn up and the collection would be bag style. The system was being put in as a temporary solution until the contract was due for renewal in 2015.

It was confirmed that cardboard side waste would be collected if it was too big to fit in the bag. Consideration had been given to different types of collection including split bodied refuse vehicles, but cardboard required the compacting action of a full refuse vehicle. Separate crews would collect cardboard from other recyclable materials. The rounds would be organised in such a way that the vehicles would start at different points of the round to prevent them getting in each others way.

Resolved

- 1. To recommend Council Cabinet to not reinstate the weekly bin collections for non recyclable waste due to the cost implications and the effect on recycling rates.**
- 2. To note the update on cardboard recycling.**

39/11 Relocation of the Local Studies Library

The Commission considered a report which stated that as a result of its office accommodation strategy, the Council proposed to vacate the St Mary's Gate building around the end on 2012. This would require the relocation of the Local Studies Library.

Two reports to Leadership in 2010 identified a number of options for the future of the Local Studies Library, but all were rejected as impractical, unaffordable or otherwise undesirable.

It would be possible to relocate Local Studies to some non-public service areas of the Blagreaves Lane Library building at a cost of £363,000. A source of funding had been identified that would cover this cost.

Consultations with users and stakeholders had identified some opposition to moving a service covering the whole of Derby to a suburban location and a further review of options was undertaken. However this review failed to identify any new options that could deliver an effective service from a city centre location while at the same time being affordable and achievable within the constraints of the timetable imposed by the corporate office accommodation strategy. It was therefore decided to recommend Council Cabinet to proceed with the option to relocate the Local Studies Library to Blagreaves Lane.

Commission Members understood that Blagreaves Lane was the preferred option but requested that a city centre location still be pursued if at all possible and affordable.

Resolved

- 1. To note the need to relocate the Local Studies Library.**

- 2. To recommend Council Cabinet to relocate the Local Studies library to Blagreaves Lane if a city centre location could not be found that was affordable.**

40/11 Performance Monitoring Surgery

The Commission considered a report which stated that Performance Surgeries were held to explore areas of underperformance arising from performance monitoring of key measures within the Council Scorecard. The report provided further information on relevant measures reviewed as the first round of surgeries in September 2011.

Resolved to note the background information and actions plans considered by the Performance Surgery on 6 September 2011.

41/11 Scoping Reports for Topic Reviews

The Commission considered a scoping report on a proposed topic review on safety of school transport. Commission Members requested that an additional objective be added to the review relating to looking at the law relating to safety of school transport.

A scoping report for the topic review of the multi sport arena would be considered at the next meeting.

Resolved

- 1. To approve the scoping report for the topic review on safety of school transport subject to the inclusion of an additional objective relating to the law on the safety of school transport.**
- 2. To receive a scoping report on the review of the multi sports arena at the next meeting.**

42/11 Retrospective Scrutiny

There were no items of retrospective scrutiny requested by the Commission.

43/11 Forward Plan

There were no items requested.

44/11 Responses to any reports and enquiries of the Commission

There were no items.

45/11 Matters referred by the Council Cabinet

There were no items referred by the Council Cabinet.

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