

Time Commenced – 6.00pm
Time finished – 6.45pm

Communities Scrutiny Review Board 19 December 2019

Present: Councillor Hudson (Chair)
Councillors Atwal, Pearce and Testro

In Attendance: Simon Aitken – Streetpride Head of Service

16/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Sandhu, Cllr Khan and Paul Clarke

17/19 Late items introduced by the Chair

There were none.

18/19 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

19/19 Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

20/19 Commercial Waste

The Board considered a report of the Director of Public Protection and Streetpride. The report was presented by the Streetpride Head of Service and provided an update on the disposal of trade waste from Derby City Council (DCC) operated sites such as Derby Arena.

The Board were informed that a decision had been made at cabinet to delegate the collection and disposal of Derby City Council's commercial waste to Nottingham City Council (NCC). It was reported that since April 2018 NCC had been responsible for the collection and disposal of Derby City Council's trade waste.

The Board noted that Derby City Council payed NCC to collect and dispose of trade waste as part of the delegation and that this service was provided to all of Derby City Council's sites. It was also noted that NCC collected all of the Council's residual and recycling waste.

It was reported that in April 2018 when the service transferred to NCC it had been agreed that a figure of £330k would be paid annually for DCC's

trade waste. The Board noted that this included approximately £162k for schools. It was reported that during the first year of operation it had been deemed that this figure (£330k) was set too high and it was therefore reduced to £167k which included approximately £77k for schools.

It was noted that following further rationalisation and the obtaining of up-to-date information from sites and some schools transferring to academies; the forecasted cost to DCC was £155k which included approximately £50k for schools for 2019/20. It was noted that that the Council and School colleagues had seen a reduction in the amount spent on trade waste over the last 2 years.

The Chair informed the Board that he had received reports that The Arena in Derby were not separating their general waste and recycling and that staff at the area had confirmed this. The Streetpride Head of Service informed the Board that it was The Arena's responsibility to ensure that they were recycling where possible, and that he would contact The Arena about this issue.

Councillors questioned why Derby City Council's waste service had been tendered out to Nottingham City Council. The Streetpride Head of Service informed the Board that the decision transfer Derby's waste service to Nottingham City Council was a political decision taken by the previous administration. The Board noted that Nottingham had better resources and access to a cheaper disposal route and were therefore able to provide this service for Derby City Council at a good price. The Board noted that the decision to transfer the Council's waste service to Nottingham City Council had been taken in 2017 and that this service was still run from Stores Road. The Chair asked why the decision to transfer the service had been taken and was informed that a Cabinet Report had been published when this decision was taken and that this report was available on the Council's committee management information system.

The Streetpride Head of Service informed the Board that the Council had originally expected to see returns from its contract with Nottingham City Council within 5 years but this figure had now reduced to 3 years.

The Board Resolved:

- 1. To note the information provided within the report.**
- 2. That The Arena would be contacted regarding issues with their lack of recycling.**

21/19 Street Cleansing Bins

The Board considered a report of the Director of Public Protection and Streetpride. The report was presented by the Streetpride Head of Service and provided an update on the City Centre rubbish bin emptying collection programme and associated costs.

The Board noted that litter bins within the City Centre were emptied by the two teams that cleaned the area; they were emptied multiple times a day as required whilst the teams were carrying out litter picking duties.

The Board noted that the City Centre Early shift consisted of eight Full Time Employees working on a rota to cover seven days a week from 4am–12pm (generally 4/5 staff per day Monday to Friday and 5/6 Saturday and Sunday). It was reported that the cost of this team was £197k and that this figure did not include holiday and sickness cover. The Board noted that this team cleaned the City Centre following the night time economy and that they were responsible for ensuring that the City Centre was Grade A by 8am. It was reported that the team start off in the Centre of the City and then move out to the outer areas such as Midland Road, Friar Gate etc. The Board noted that this team utilise footway sweepers at weekends with the higher staff level.

The Board noted that the City Centre Dayshift consisted of seven Full Time Employees working on a rota to cover seven days a week, 10am-6pm Monday to Saturday and 8am-4pm on a Sunday (generally 4/5 staff per day Monday to Friday and 5 Saturday and Sunday). The Board noted that the cost of this team was £172k and that this figure did not include holiday and sickness cover. It was reported that this team were responsible for ensuring the City Centre remained clean throughout the day. The board noted that this team concentrated on the areas of main footfall and then moved to the outer areas when possible such as Midland Road and Friar Gate etc.

The Board noted that Car park Cleaning also took place with one Full Time Employee and two part time staff that worked Monday to Friday 6am-2pm. It was reported that the Council also cleaned the City's three multi-storey car parks on a Saturday and that this work was picked up by the other City Centre teams.

The Board noted that Chewing Gum removal also took place with one Full Time Employee working Monday to Friday 4am – 12pm removing chewing gum and carrying out jet washing, predominately within the City Centre.

The Chair informed the Board that he had received complaints that there were no recycling bins for the public to use in the city centre, outside of the Intu Centre. The Chair questioned whether it would be cost efficient for the Council to introduce recycling bins to the rest of the city centre. The Streetpride Head of Service informed the Board that it would be possible to introduce recycling bins but added that this was likely to be expensive as new bins would be required, along with an extra lorry to empty the recycling bins. The Streetpride Head of Service informed the Board that he was due to have a meeting in early 2020 on how recycling in Derby could be improved and that he would raise this idea at that meeting.

A Councillor questioned whether there was enough footfall outside the Intu Centre to justify installing recycling bins and stated that previously the

Council had had to remove recycling bins in the city because of misuse. A Councillor questioned whether public recycling bins were installed outside the city centre. The Streetpride Head of Service informed the Board that in some wards this had been trialled unsuccessfully but that recycling bins were installed in Spondon and were being used correctly.

The Streetpride Head of Service informed the Board that opt-in recycling bins had been re-introduced to some city centre wards and that so far approximately 300 households had opted in to this service. The Chair stated that the Council needed to look into future ready recycling options such as those used in Nottingham. The Streetpride Head of Service informed the Board that solar powered bins that were being used in Nottingham costed approximately £6,000 each. The Board noted that should funding be approved, Streetpride planned to purchase 200 weight sensors to be placed in bins at a cost of approximately £10,000. The Streetpride Head of Service informed the Board that these sensors would provide data on how full these bins were, which would allow for them to be emptied more efficiently. The Board noted that these sensors would be rolled out further, providing their introduction had the desired effect.

A Councillor stated that in Chaddesden there were examples for bins at either end of long roads, but no bins in the middle, and questioned how much new bins costed. The Streetpride Head of Service informed the Board that new bins costed £400, but that the size of the team that emptied bins needed to be taken into account. The Board noted that the Council planned to purchase two bins with weight sensors, which could be moved to different areas, to test how much use permanent bins in these areas would receive.

A Councillor stated that in instances of fly tipping, sometimes the removal of a bin can resolve the problem. The Streetpride Head of Service informed the Board that in some instances such as fly tipping of drug paraphernalia removing the bin wasn't an option, but that the Council was taking other action such as informing local pharmacies that needles they were selling were being misused.

A Councillor questioned why recycling rates were below average in some parts of the city and was informed that deprivation and different priorities were a likely cause of this. The Streetpride Head of Service informed the Board that part of the solution to reducing fly tipping in the city was ensuring that those who committed fly tipping offences were fined.

Resolved to note the information provided within the report.

22/19 Terms of Reference and Work Programme

The Board considered a report setting out the Terms of Reference and Remit of the Board.

The report provided Members of the Board with the opportunity to consider its terms of reference and remit for the forthcoming municipal year, its work programme for 2019/20 and any topic reviews.

Resolved to note the information provided within the report.

Minutes End.