

ENTERPRISE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 12th December, 2017

Present:-

Councillor Sarvent (Chair)

Councillors Perkins
Dyke

Councillors Derbyshire
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Michael Brymer, Assistant Director – Commercial Services +
Joel Hammond-Gant, Democratic and Scrutiny Officer
Philippa Roine, Principal Waste Management Officer +
William Thornhill, Principal Greenspace Delivery Officer +

+ Attended for Minute No. 30

27 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No declarations of interest were received.

28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

29 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

RESOLVED –

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting of the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

30 CABINET MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The Assistant Director – Commercial Services and the Principal Greenspace Delivery Officer attended to update members on the provision and maintenance of Bowling pitches in the Borough.

It was reported that a review had been undertaken to determine if and how, the Council could reduce the overall amount of subsidies paid to the different clubs in Chesterfield. The review focused on:

- Increasing the amount of effective collaborative work carried out with, and between, the clubs
- Recognising the wider contributions that the sports clubs can make to the health and wellbeing of local communities
- Promoting the use of 'in-kind' contributions from the clubs, whereby the reductions in subsidies from the Council can be flexible to ensure the needs of each club are still met
- Aligning the fee structure to the 'in-kind' contributions from the clubs

Members were advised of the current spend in subsidies and the breakdown of these across the clubs. It was reported that the 'in-kind' contributions could incur a 31 per cent saving on the annual spend in subsidies.

The Committee enquired as to how the Council could support the clubs to improve their membership levels and income positions.

The Assistant Director – Commercial Services advised that additional Council support would ultimately be controlled by resource availability. Areas that the Council could provide support would be around signposting and advertising through corporate groups, as well as promoting the sharing of best practice and skills between the clubs themselves.

The Committee thanked the Assistant Director – Commercial Services and the Principal Greenspace Delivery Officer for providing the update.

The Assistant Director – Commercial Services and the Principal Waste Management Officer provided an update on the Council's future waste collection options.

Members were made aware that the current waste contract that was awarded to Veolia in October 2011, is set to expire on 1 November 2018, and that the Council has a number of service and delivery options to consider.

Members were shown a range of tables and graphs outlining the residual and recycling waste performance of the Council in comparison with other

local authorities in Derbyshire. In 2015/16, Chesterfield had the fourth highest recycling rate and the second lowest average household residual waste of the 9 authorities considered.

The Council, in partnership with High Peak Borough Council and Derbyshire Dales District Council, had successfully bid to commission the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) to carry out free consultancy work to review current waste collection services, and look at potential future options and the impact(s) these may have. This has since become a Derbyshire-wide piece of work.

The potential service options that WRAP looked at were:

- Maintaining the current service and operations
- Enhancing the recycling offer (dry and organic recycle)
- Moving to three-weekly residual waste bin collections
- Replacing the current 240 litre residual waste bins with 140 litre bins
- Charging for green waste collections

The Assistant Director – Commercial Services also outlined the potential future delivery options available to the Council, which included:

- Opting in to a contract extension with Veolia for another 7 year period, or for a shorter 18 month period
- Procuring a new contract
- Procuring a new contract in partnership with other local authorities
- Sharing services with other local authorities
- Insourcing

Members enquired as to whether the Council had received specific performance-related information from Veolia about the different collection routes and areas in the Borough, and how the Council planned to improve its overall waste and recycling performance.

The Assistant Director – Commercial Services advised that this information had been received, but that similar information would help to advise the service of any particular areas in the Borough where additional efforts to increase the education and awareness of recycling could be focused.

It was emphasised that efforts would be made to try to improve the education and awareness of recycling across the Borough, within the resource capacity of the service.

The Assistant Director – Commercial Services and Principle Waste Management Officer were thanked for providing the update.

RESOLVED –

That the updates be noted.

31 RE-ADMISSION OF THE PUBLIC

That after consideration of an item containing exempt information, the public be re-admitted to the meeting.

32 SCRUTINY PROJECT GROUPS

Development of the Site of the Old Queen's Park Sports Centre

The Chair advised the Committee that the Scrutiny Project Group report had been considered at the meeting of Cabinet on 5 December 2017, and that the recommendations of the formal Cabinet report had been approved.

Play Strategy

The Chair confirmed that there was no update to be provided to the Committee at this meeting, but advised that the Principal Greenspace Strategy Officer had expressed an interest in attending a future Committee meeting to provide members with a fuller update on progress.

Leisure, Sports and Cultural Activities

The Chair confirmed that there was no update to be provided to the Committee at this meeting.

RESOLVED –

1. That the update on the Scrutiny Project Group on Development of the Site of the Old Queen's Park Sports Centre, be noted.

2. That the update on the Scrutiny Project Group on the Play Strategy, be noted.
3. That the update on the Scrutiny Project Group on Leisure, Sports and Cultural Activities, be noted.

33 WORK PROGRAMME

The Work Programme was considered. The Chair noted that 'Homelessness' had been delayed on the Work Programme due to training sessions focused on the homelessness issue in Chesterfield that members attended in October 2017.

It was proposed that the item be added to the Work Programme to come to the Committee meeting on 18 April 2018.

The Chair noted that the 'Economic Growth' item was a newly proposed business item, and advised that an update on this service area would provide members with a better understanding and overview of the Council's position and future economic plans.

It was proposed that the item be added to the Work Programme to come to the Committee meeting on 18 April 2018.

RESOLVED –

1. That 'Homelessness' be updated on the Work Programme.
2. That 'Economic Growth' be added to the Work Programme.
3. That the Work Programme be approved.

34 MONITORING SCHEDULE

The Monitoring Schedule was considered.

RESOLVED –

That the Monitoring Schedule be approved.

35 CORPORATE WORKING GROUPS

Housing Revenue Account Business Plan Steering Group

The Chair confirmed that there was no update to be provided to the Committee at this meeting.

RESOLVED –

That the update be noted.

36 FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan was considered.

RESOLVED –

That the Forward Plan be noted.

37 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10 October, 2017, were presented.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes be accepted as a correct record and be signed by the Chair.