



***ENVIRONMENT, REGENERATION AND
STREETSCENE SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE***

10.00 AM FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2022

***MULTI-LOCATION MEETING - COUNCIL CHAMBER, PORT TALBOT
& MICROSOFT TEAMS***

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1. Chair's Announcements
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (*Pages 5 - 10*)
4. Pre-Decision Scrutiny
To select appropriate items from the Cabinet Board agenda for Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Cabinet Board reports included for Scrutiny Members)
5. Forward Work Programme & Committee Action Log
(*Pages 11 - 14*)
6. Urgent Items
Any urgent items (whether public or exempt) at the discretion of the Chairperson pursuant to Section 100B (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

7. Access to Meetings
Access to Meetings to resolve to exclude the public for the following item(s) pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the relevant exempt paragraphs of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

PART 2

8. Pre-Decision Scrutiny of Private Item/s
To select appropriate private items from the Cabinet Board agenda for Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Cabinet Board reports enclosed for Scrutiny Members).

K.Jones
Chief Executive

Civic Centre
Port Talbot

Friday, 25 November 2022

Committee Membership:

Chairperson: Councillor S.Pursey

**Vice
Chairperson:** Councillor T.Bowen

Councillors: W.Carpenter, A.Dacey, R.Davies, S.E.Freeguard,
N.Goldup-John, C.James, S.Grimshaw, K.Morris,
S.M.Penry and L.Williams

Notes:

- (1) *If Committee Members or non-Committee Members wish to have relevant items put on the agenda for future meetings, then please notify the Chief Executive/Chair eight days before the meeting.*
- (2) *If non-Committee Members wish to attend for an item of interest, then prior notification needs to be given (by 12.00 noon on the day before*

the meeting). Non-Committee Members may speak but not vote, or move or second any motion.

- (3) For pre scrutiny arrangements, the Chair will normally recommend forthcoming executive items for discussion/challenge. It is also open to Committee Members to request items to be raised - though Members are asked to be selective here in regard to important issues.*
- (4) The relevant Cabinet Board Members will also be invited to be present at the meeting for Scrutiny/ Consultation purposes.*
- (5) Would the Scrutiny Committee Members please bring the Cabinet Board papers with them to the meeting.*

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Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Scrutiny Committee

(Microsoft Teams Meeting/ Hybrid meeting in Council Chamber)

Members Present:

28 October 2022

Chairperson: Councillor S.Pursey

Vice Chairperson: Councillor T.Bowen

Councillors: W.Carpenter, A.Dacey, R.Davies,
S.E.Freeguard, N.Goldup-John, C.James,
S.Grimshaw, S.M.Penry and L.Williams

Officers In Attendance N.Chapple, A. Collins, D.Griffiths, A.Jones,
C.Morris, M.Roberts, M.Shaw, J.Stevens,
C.John and C.Plowman

Cabinet Invitees: Councillors S.Jones and D.M.Peters

1. **Chair's Announcements**

The Chair announced the order for the agenda, it was noted it would read:

1. Declarations of Interest
2. Minutes of Previous meeting (pages 5-10)
3. Pre-decision Scrutiny
4. Action Log (11-14)

The Chair highlighted that they would be scrutinising items 6 and 12 of the Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board.

However the Chair wished to make comments on:

Item 5 - 'Proposed 30mph Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Orders associated with Welsh Government 20mph Default Speed Limit National Roll'

The Chair highlighted that Members had received an All Members Seminar on the proposed scheme and therefore felt it appropriate to

make a comment on behalf of the Committee. It was noted that concerns were raised around the Scheme around the allocation of funding, the delivery and maintenance around the scheme. It was highlighted that officers liaised with Welsh Government around the costings and there were concerns around the South West Wales Police enforcing the scheme.

Officers highlighted that within page 6 of the 'Proposed 30mph Speed Limit Traffic Regulation Orders associated with Welsh Government 20mph Default Speed Limit National Roll' report that the third paragraph under the 'Integrated Impact Assessment' section of the circulated report was included in error, and should not be considered as part of the report.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2022 were approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

4. **Pre-Decision Scrutiny**

National Underground Assets Register

Members were updated on the request to join the UK Government sponsored Geospatial Commission's National Underground Assets Register Project, as detailed within the circulated report.

Officers informed members that there was an error contained within the report. It was noted that the report was to read 'only eleven of twenty Local Authorities in Wales yet to sign up' and not 'only one of two Local Authorities in Wales yet to sign up' as detailed within the report.

Members queried what the benefit would be for the Local Authority to participate with the project. Members asked that information be provided on the what the current staff, time and costs would be on gathering the information that would be required as this information would need to be updated every 3 months and could potentially affect resources. Officers highlighted that they currently don't have the information to provide, however informed the Committee that the overall success of this would be for everyone to take part.

The Committee felt it was important that a further report be brought back to committee Reviewing the decision, detailing further information around the costs and benefits of the scheme and how the Council wishes to continue with project.

Therefore following a proposer and a seconder an additional recommendation was added to the main recommendation, as per below:

Having had due regard to the first stage Integrated Impact Assessment it is recommended that:

- The Council participates in the NUAR project and signs up the Data Distribution Agreement further to Option 2 in the report;
- The Director of Environment & Regeneration, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to sign the Data Distribution Agreement on behalf of the Council
- Should there be a revenue pressure arising from involvement in the project further to Option 2 then funding would need to be identified within the existing Environment & Regeneration budget should continuation be considered a priority.
- That a report be brought back in April 2024, detailing a Review of the decision inclusive of further information around the costs and benefits of the scheme and how the Council wishes to continue with the project.

Following Scrutiny, the above recommendation was supported by the Committee to Cabinet Board.

Key Performance Indicators 2022/2023 – Quarter 1(1st April 2022 – 30th June 2022)

Members received information relating to quarter 1 of the Performance Management Data detailed in Appendix 1 and the Compliments and Complaints information detailed in Appendix 2 for the period 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022 for Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Cabinet Board, as detailed within the circulated report.

Scrutiny raised the following points in relation to the performance indicators and asked officers consider these points for future performance reports:

PI/367 - PPN/001ii - Percentage of high risk businesses that were liable to a programmed inspection that were inspected for Food Hygiene

- Members queried the above Performance Indicators and shared their concerns around them being in the red category. It was noted that members understood the pressures of the pandemic and understood that this was a main factor.

PI/430 - Percentage of private water supplies where a risk assessment has been carried out in accordance with drinking water standards

- Members queried the above Performance Indicators and shared their concerns around them being in the red category. It was noted that members understood the pressures of the pandemic and understood that this was a main factor.

PI/519 - Percentage of high risk businesses that were liable to a programmed inspection that were inspected for Trading Standards & Animal Health

- Members queried the above Performance Indicators and shared their concerns around them being in the red category. It was noted that members understood the pressures of the pandemic and understood that this was a main factor.

PI/859 & PI/860 – Number of household missed collections

- Currently has a raw figure number, Members asked that it would be helpful to have this information as the total number expressed as a percentage and a target set on it.
- Members requested a new Performance Indicator detailing the percentage on missed collections that had been returned and collected, including information on the process on next steps. This would allow scrutiny to have an understanding of what collections were missed and how many of those were collected.

PI/559 – average number of days to collect excess and side waste

- Members requested a new performance Indicator on Excess and side Waste, number of days to collect/clear/investigate.

PI/906 - Percentage of successful waste enforcement prosecutions.

- It is showing as just 1 prosecution which is given a percentage of a 100% - Members asked whether this should be based on the reporting figures. Officers explained that members can have the information however they wish to receive it, however, the information is based on how many prosecutions are completed and how successful those prosecutions are.
- Members asked that the fixed penalties and prosecutions be separated in to two different performance indicators.

PI/559 - Average number of days to clear fly-tipping

- Members asked whether both telephone and online reporting's from members are included in the data. Officers confirmed that yes, the information should include both telephone and online reporting's.
- Members asked that a new Performance Indicator be provided on the Percentage of Fly tipping reports which result as prosecution.

PI/907 - Number of successful dog fouling prosecutions including fixed penalty notices.

- Members asked why the result of this performance indicator is so low and why it is not showing as a percentage. Officers explained that enforcement officers need witness dog fouling and it is very difficult to prosecute particular activity. Members requested information in relation to the staff's schedule of activity to have an understanding of the areas that are patrolled.

PI/579 - Percentage of all planning applications determined in time

- It was noted that this particular target had been affected due to staffing levels, officer reassured members that they were in a process of recruitment.

Following scrutiny, it was agreed that report be noted.

5. **Committee Action Log**

The Action Log was noted.

6. **Urgent Items**

There were none.

CHAIRPERSON

Environment, Regeneration & Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committee

(All starting 10am unless otherwise stated)

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Contact Officer
2022		
1 st July	Training Session	
16 th Sept		
28 th Oct		
2 nd Dec		
2023		
20 th Jan		
February TBC (immed. after Seminar 17 th February 2023 tbc)	Waste Strategy	Mike Roberts
3 rd March	Japanese Knotweed	Dave Phillips

14 th April		
26 th May	Active Travel	Ceri Morris

Report to be included in future cycle:

- Report detailing a review of the decision on the National Underground Assets Register – detailing further information around the costs and benefits of the project and how the Council wishes to continue with it.

Environment, Regeneration & Streetscene Services Scrutiny Committee - Actions and Referrals Update – 2022-23

<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Minuted Action / Referral / Request</u>	<u>Progress Update</u>	<u>Officer</u>	<u>Target / Completion Date</u>	<u>Completed / On-going</u>
6.10.22	8	For the officers to consult on the policy retrospectively, and to report this consultation back to Scrutiny Committee.	Ongoing	Joy Smith	-	Ongoing
6.10.22	9	Officers to write to Welsh Government expressing the concerns of Neath Port Talbot, as there were a lot of unknowns with regards to the White Paper, and not having the outcomes of the consultation. It was requested that the letter included an explanation of the need to understand the indicative timescales of the implementations of the White Paper, as it was key for strategic decision making. Also, requesting further detail on the transition of interim funding arrangements; the report noted that the current Bus Service Support Grant (BSSG) was set to finish and currently there was not any information on what the next grant would be.	Ongoing	Brendan Griffiths	-	Ongoing

Environment, Regeneration & Streetscene Services Scrutiny Committee - Actions and Referrals Update –
2022-23

28.10.22	4 National Underground Assets Register	A report be brought back in April 2024, detailing a Review of the decision inclusive of further information around the costs and benefits of the National Underground Assets Register scheme and how the Council wishes to continue with the project.	Ongoing	M.Roberts/D.Griffiths	April 2024	Ongoing (Been included on FWP)
28.10.22	12 Key Performance Indicators 2022/2023 – Quarter 1 (1st April 2022 – 30th June 2022)	Officers consider the suggestions provided by the Scrutiny Committee in relation to a number of Performance Indicators as detailed within the minutes	Ongoing	M.Roberts	-	Ongoing