

STREETSCENE AND ENGINEERING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(Committee Rooms A/B - Neath Civic Centre)

Members Present:

6 December 2019

Chairperson: Councillor S.M.Penry

Vice Chairperson: Councillor R.W.Wood

Councillors: A.R.Aubrey, W.F.Griffiths, J.Hale, D.Keogh and S.A.Knoyle

Officers In Attendance M.Roberts, A.Lewis, L.Walker, N.Headon and N. Jones

Cabinet Invitees: Councillors E.V.Latham and A.Wingrave

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 October, 2019, were approved.

2. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2019/2020

The Forward Work Programme was noted.

3. WASTE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Members received a presentation and update on Waste Management in Neath Port Talbot.

In response to member's queries officers stated that food waste was still being placed in some residents wheeled bins, it was explained that residents needed to increase the amount of recycled food waste in the correct receptacle.

A discussion took place around the monitoring of the side waste restriction exemption scheme for non-recyclable waste. It was highlighted that the number of residents applying for exemptions had risen when side waste collections ended. Officers explained that Side Waste Officers had individual rounds, officers monitor and check waste collections and contact residents who present incorrect side waste to help them reduce the amount of refuse being presented.

Officers informed members that Neath Port Talbot had one of the most successful enforcement teams in Wales and would continue to monitor levels of fly-tipping throughout the county borough. It was noted that a fly-tipping update report would be brought back to the Scrutiny Committee on 17 January 2020.

It was noted that when the new Waste National Strategy was published, Welsh Government would look at electrical waste (rare materials), for a possible future kerbside collection.

Officers highlighted that the Welsh Government had set a target for Wales to recycle 70 percent of its waste by 2025, and achieve zero waste by 2050.

4. **PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY**

The committee scrutinised the following cabinet board items:

Key Performance Indicators 2019/2020 – Quarter 2 (1 April 30 September 2019)

The committee received an overview of the report on Quarter 2 Performance Indicators.

Members complemented the good work carried out by officers.

Following scrutiny, it was agreed that the report be noted.

Proposed Lease Renewal to the Council of Radio Times Equipment and Antenna located on the Rooftop of the Water Tower at Cockett Reservoir, Swansea

The committee received an overview of the circulated report.

A discussion took place regarding the preferred location. Officers explained that there were potentially three sites available, therefore there were two other viable locations.

Following scrutiny, the committee was supportive of the proposal to be considered by cabinet board.

5. **URGENT ITEMS**

With the permission of the Chair the following was raised as urgent item for discussion at today's meeting pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Reason:

Due to the time element.

6. **ACCESS TO MEETING**

RESOLVED: that pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following item of business which involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the above Act.

7. **PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY**

The committee scrutinised the following private cabinet board item:

Ynysydarren Culvert – Land Acquisition / Land Drainage Enforcement

Officers gave an overview of the private circulated report.

Following scrutiny, the committee was supportive of the proposal to be considered by cabinet board.

CHAIRPERSON