

STREETSCENE AND ENGINEERING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

(Council Chamber - Port Talbot Civic Centre)

Members Present:

24 May 2019

Chairperson: Councillor S.M.Penry

Vice Chairperson: Councillor R.W.Wood

Councillors: A.R.Aubrey, S.apDafydd, W.F.Griffiths,
A.McGrath, J.Hale, C.Galsworthy, D.Keogh,
S.A.Knoyle and A.L.Thomas

Officers In Attendance D.Griffiths, M.Roberts, A.Lewis, S.Curran and
T.Davies

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

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 April, 2019, be approved.

2. MISSED BIN COLLECTIONS

The Committee received information in relation to Missed Bin Collections as contained within the circulated report.

Members were pleased to note that the number of missed bin collections was quite low considering the total amount of collections undertaken in Neath Port Talbot, and felt that the good news story should be shared with the public, in order to promote recycling.

Officers explained that in the event of roadworks or other blockages to a waste collection round, catch ups would be attempted sometimes 3 or 4 times in one day. Assisted collections were discussed and Members noted that previous issues had been resolved since crews had become more familiar with local routes over time.

Members discussed concerns around recycling equipment being thrown back onto the pavement by crews following their emptying into the recycling vehicle. It was noted that residents could order recycling equipment online if any of theirs had been damaged or misplaced. Officers also explained that reports of missed collections/ broken equipment were now being recorded against individual rounds in order to target supervision and allow further training of staff where necessary. This data would soon be available. Cameras on recycling lorries were in place mainly for the safety of refuse staff.

The Side Waste Policy was discussed and officers explained that residual waste had gone down while recycling figures had gone up.

Members requested a further update on this topic in 6 months.

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

3. **PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY**

The Committee scrutinised the following Cabinet Board items:-

Vehicle Procurement

Members received information in relation to the procurement of a new vehicle as contained within the circulated report.

Members queried whether staff who would be driving the proposed new vehicle (an Isuzu D Max double cab with Truckman top or similar) would have off road training. Officers confirmed that staff would receive the appropriate training from the Road Safety team within the Council.

Following scrutiny the Committee was supportive of the proposal to be considered by Cabinet Board.

Transport Regional Governance

Members received an overview of the circulated report, and regional and local level scrutiny was discussed, as well as the inclusion of more isolated rural areas. Officers explained that the detail around governance, voting rights, make up of the committees and scrutiny arrangements were still under discussion.

Following scrutiny the Committee was supportive of the proposal to be considered by Cabinet Board.

4. **FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2019-20**

Members noted that as this was the start of the new civic year (2019-20), arrangements would be made for a Forward Work Programme Workshop to take place, in order to populate the Streetscene and Engineering Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme going forward.

5. **ACCESS TO MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: that pursuant to Section 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded for the following items 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.

6. **HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRE, LOWER CWMTWRCH**

Members discussed the private circulated report, including Powys' policy for admitting cars to the Household Waste and Recycling Centre at Lower Cwmtwrch, and permits for vans and lorries.

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

7. **PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY OF PRIVATE ITEMS**

The Committee scrutinised the following private Cabinet Board items:-

Officer Urgency Action 1284 and Officer Urgency Action 1285

Members discussed the two related private circulated reports.

Following scrutiny, it was agreed that the private reports be noted.

CHAIRPERSON