

# **STREETSMART AND HIGHWAYS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE 2015**

PRESENT:- Councillors Junab Ali, Paul Baker, Alan Bishop, Paul Dixon, Colin Lovell, Derique Montaut, Kevin Parry (Chair), Eric Shaw, Timothy Swinyard, Vera Tomlinson and Joe Tray.

Also in attendance was Councillor Brian Ford.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Michael Bray, Nick Martin and David Wood.

## **1. Appointment of Vice-Chair of the Committee**

Councillor Eric Shaw was appointed to the position of Vice-Chair of the Streetsmart and Highways Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as proposed by Councillor Vera Tomlinson and seconded by Councillor Paul Baker.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded members of the need to declare any known interests in any matter to be considered by the Committee. No interests were declared.

## **3. Public Question Time**

The following question was asked in accordance with Standing order 28 –

### Questioner

Mr Tauben Tenty, Swindon resident.

### Question

Mr Tenty submitted questions concerning the time taken to repair damage to a railing fence at St Andrews Ridge destroyed by a Council refuse vehicle in October 2014.

### Response

The Chair thanked Mr Tenty for the questions and advised that a response had been prepared and circulated at the meeting. Councillor Vera Tomlinson referred to Mr Tenty's concerns regarding the lack of continued updates by Council officers on progress made to resolve the situation. Councillor Brian Ford agreed to investigate the matter and offered to update Mr Tenty.

## **4. Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2015 be accepted as a correct record.

## **5. Work Programme 2015-2016**

The Board considered this report, submitted by Sally Smith, regarding the need to

add items to the Work Programme for this Committee for the 2015 / 2016 Municipal Year. Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee is requested to detail their forthcoming activities with the aim of producing evidence-based recommendations intended to provide service improvements for Cabinet and external agencies / bodies to consider.

Members were then invited to put forward suggestions to be added to the Work Programme for this Committee, and for topics on which to set up Task Groups.

The following subjects were suggested for addition to the Work Programme:

- Street lighting.
- Review of the Highways Strategic Plan.
- Streetsmart Service Agreements.
- Signage.
- Tree and grass cutting to include clarity on demarcation of areas of responsibility.
- Maintenance of parks.
- Libraries.
- Parking to include parking enforcement.

Members agreed that Task Groups would be set up as and when the need is identified following the presentation of reports to future Committee meetings.

Resolved – To approve the items as listed above for inclusion on the Work Programme for the 2015/16 Municipal Year.