

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

**WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE 2016**

PRESENT:- Councillor Colin Lovell in the Chair: Councillors John Ballman, Alan Bishop, Matthew Courtly, Wayne Crabbe, Paul Dixon, Mary Friend, Nick Martin, Jane Milner-Barry, Kevin Parry, Timothy Swinyard, Vera Tomlinson, Chris Watts, Peter Watts and Steve Weisinger

Also in attendance was Councillor Dale Heenan.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Wood and Julie Wright.

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

Resolved – That Councillor Kevin Parry be Vice-Chair of this Committee during the Municipal Year, 2016/17.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded Members of the need to declare any known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting. No declarations were made.

## **3. Public Question Time**

No public questions were received during the meeting.

## **4. Minutes**

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

## **5. Work Programme 2016-2017**

The Board considered a report, submitted by the Director of Law and Democratic Services, setting out the Committee's proposed Work Programme for the Municipal Year, 2016/2017. The Committee noted that it was requested to detail its forthcoming activities with the aim of producing evidence-based recommendations intended to provide service improvements for Cabinet and external agencies/bodies to consider.

At the invitation of the Chair, the Head of StreetSmart highlighted the following key areas of his department that fell under the remit of the Committee and provided a brief overview of their work:

- Waste Collection.
- Recycling.
- Grounds Maintenance.
- Parks and Open Spaces (including Country Parks).
- Envirocrime (including fly-tipping).

At the invitation of the Chair, the Head of Highways and Transport, supported by the comments of the Cabinet Member for Sustainability, Highways and Transport, highlighted the following key areas of his department that fell under the remit of the Committee and provided a brief overview of their work:

- Asset Management.
- Development of the Capital Programme (Highways).
- Highway Management.
- Transport Planning.
- Road Safety.
- Passenger Transport.
- Highway Operations.
- Education Transport.

The Committee noted the apologies for absence from the Head of Localities, Community Involvement and Volunteering and in his absence noted the key areas of his department that fell under the remit of the Committee:

- Libraries.
- Volunteering.

Members' attention was drawn to (a) the Committee's Terms of Reference as set out in the report, (b) a draft work programme tabled at the meeting, based upon the Cabinet Work Programme and key issues identified by Department Heads, and (c) the current Cabinet draft Capital Work Programme and Forward Plan.

Members discussed the draft work programme and were invited to put forward suggestions to be added to the Work Programme for the Committee.

Resolved – (1) That the following Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2016/17 Municipal Year be agreed in principle and subject to alternations during the Municipal Year to reflect Cabinet and Council priorities and other significant topics of interest that may arise:

28<sup>th</sup> September 2016

- Highways Winter Programme Review.
- StreetSmart Waste Service Changes.
- Library Strategy.
- Review of Grass Cutting.
- Comparison of Parish Borough Council costs for Grounds Maintenance (oral update).

23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

- StreetSmart six month service review.
- Update on Waste Service roll-out.
- Comparison of Parish Borough Council costs for Grounds Maintenance.
- Volunteering and Locality working update.

25<sup>th</sup> January 2017

- Highways Incentive Fund.
- Highways six month service review.

8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

- Highways post-winter service review.
- Update on Parishing (subject to Cabinet Decisions).

(2) That it be noted that Task Groups would be set up as and when the need is identified following the presentation of reports to future Committee meetings.