

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR WASTE AND EMERGENCY PLANNING**

**Venue: Town Hall, Moorgate  
Street, ROTHERHAM.  
S60 2TH**

**Date: Monday, 12th November, 2012**

**Time: 9.30 a.m.**

### **A G E N D A**

1. To determine if the following matters are likely to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended March 2006) to the Local Government Act 1972.
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Apologies for absence
4. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th October, 2012 (Pages 1 - 2)
5. Minutes of a meeting of the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel, held on 19th October, 2012 (Pages 3 - 4)
6. Petition - request for larger capacity litter bins at Broadway shopping parade, Swinton (Pages 5 - 12)
7. Emergency Planning Update and Health and Safety Issues
8. Waste Update
9. Date and time of next meeting - Monday, 26th November, 2012 at 9.30 a.m.

**CABINET MEMBER FOR WASTE AND EMERGENCY PLANNING  
29th October, 2012**

Present:- Councillor R. S. Russell (in the Chair); with Councillor Swift.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ali.

**L32. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15TH OCTOBER, 2012**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th October, 2012 were considered.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Waste and Emergency Planning, as now submitted, be agreed as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

**L33. PETITION - REQUEST FOR LARGER CAPACITY WASTE BINS AT BROADWAY SHOPPING PARADE, SWINTON**

Consideration was given to a petition, containing 37 signatures, from residents of Swinton, requesting the Council to look into the possibility of placing double-sized litter bins outside the shops on Broadway, Swinton, owing to the exceedingly heavy usage from both residents and three local schools.

Resolved:- (1) That the petition be received.

(2) That the Director of Streetpride submit a report on this matter to a future meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Waste and Emergency Planning.

**L34. EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES**

Consideration was given to the update provided by the Emergency and Safety Manager. The update included:-

(a) Business Continuity – officers had attended the first of the new regional business continuity meetings; the team has also attended an away-day session on the Severe Winter Weather Plan and the Plan is now being updated; planning in the event of an Influenza Pandemic continues.

(b) Emergency Planning – officers had been involved in planning for the safety control of the public demonstration in the Rotherham town centre on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> October 2012; team members have attended a training course on 'MapInfo' computer software to enable staff to carry out GIS mapping work for future Emergency Plans.

(c) Health and Safety – training has been undertaken for Housing Champions on Estate Risk Management, during October, 2012, the purpose of which is to ensure that appropriate risk assessments/procedures are in place covering all activities; there will be further specific training (on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2012) on lone working for employees working on housing estates; training has also been

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undertaken with Safeguarding colleagues from Children and Young People's Services.

Resolved:- That the update be noted and the Emergency and Safety Manager be thanked for his contribution.

**L35. WASTE UPDATE**

Consideration was given to the update provided by the Waste Manager, Environment and Development Services. The update included:-

(a) information leaflets are being distributed about the revised waste and green waste collection schedules during the Winter months, 2012/13;

(b) Sterecycle – discussions were continuing about service delivery as a consequence of this Company being in administration.

(c) during November, 2012, there will be a waste infrastructure development programme contract management review of the BDR private finance initiative contract; the review is designed to help local authorities maximise the value from private finance initiative contracts.

Resolved:- That the update be noted and the Waste Manager be thanked for his contribution.

**HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY PANEL  
FRIDAY, 19TH OCTOBER, 2012**

Present:- Councillor R. S. Russell (in the Chair); Councillors G. A. Russell, Swift and Whelbourn; Mrs. J. Adams (NUT) and Mrs. S. Brook (NASUWT).

Apologies for absence received from Councillors P. A. Russell, Sharman and Wootton; and from Mrs. R. Asquith and Mrs. C. Maleham (UNISON).

**42. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY, 2012**

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Health, Welfare and Safety Panel, held on 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

**43. STATISTICS OF ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE TO EMPLOYEES**

The Principal Health and Safety Officer presented the statistics of reported accidents to Council employees during the period January to September 2012, with comparative statistics for the same period in 2011.

Resolved:- That the statistical information be noted.

**44. HEALTH AND SAFETY BULLETIN**

Consideration was given to the Health and Safety Bulletin, containing recent articles and reports of legal cases relating to health and safety.

The following items were highlighted:-

- matters of interest from the Health and Safety Executive;
- myth of the month (electrical testing of office equipment);
- recent Court Cases, one incident involving the death of a construction worker who fell through a building roof.

Resolved:- That the Principal Health and Safety Officer distribute copies of the bulletin throughout the Authority and also publish the bulletin on the Council's Intranet web site.

**45. HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY PANEL - OVERVIEW OF INITIATIVES AND PROCEDURES**

The Panel noted that the work of the Emergency and Safety Team has recently concentrated upon the public demonstrations which took place in the Rotherham town centre on Saturday 13th October, 2012.

**46. REPORTS ON VISITS OF INSPECTION HELD ON 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2012**

Consideration was given to matters arising from the visits of inspection made by the Panel on Friday, 21st September, 2012.

The report included the responses provided by Service Areas to the various issues raised at the inspections. Particular reference was made to:-

(a) Mowbray Gardens Community Library

The testing of the emergency lighting has still to be completed.

(b) Swinton Community Library

The lift in the building required maintenance.

(c) Swinton Brookfield Primary School

Improvements had been made to procedures in the school kitchen and the serving of meals to pupils. A further visit to this School will be made during 2013.

(d) Whiston Worrygoose Primary School

A further visit of inspection to this School is to be made by Health and Safety Officers.

(e) Sorrell Sykes Community Centre, Whiston

The necessary repairs to the boiler room door self-closing mechanism have now been completed.

(f) Godric Green Community Centre, Brinsworth

Reference was made to the security of the premises and the adjacent apartment accommodation.

<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member and Advisers for Waste and Emergency Planning</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Request for larger capacity bins at Broadway Shopping parade in Swinton</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

### **5. Summary**

A petition has been received from local residents requesting the provision of new, larger capacity litter bins at Broadway shopping parade in Swinton.

### **6. Recommendations**

It is recommended that the following actions are taken

Leisure and Community Service (LCS) Officers will approach local businesses situated on Broadway Shopping parade to discuss voluntary emptying of litter bins outside their properties.

LCS Officers will liaise with colleagues in Environmental Enforcement to ensure local shop keepers are fulfilling their responsibility to keep the area outside of their property free from litter.

LCS Officers will continue to monitor the shopping parade and should the actions identified above not deliver sufficient improvements further consideration will be given to the relocation of under used litter bins.

### **7. Proposals and Details**

A petition, containing 36 names, has been received from local residents requesting the provision of new, larger capacity litter bins at Broadway shopping parade in Swinton.

#### **Background**

As a result of agreed budget savings Street Cleansing staffing resources have been reduced and a new borough wide cleansing schedule has been implemented that means all litter bins are now emptied less frequently. Since the introduction of the new schedule there have been 4 customer contacts which have directly reported overflowing litter bins on Broadway shopping parade.

A full review of the impact of the reduced staffing resources and the new cleansing schedules will take place early in the New Year however, in advance of this a review of the usage of litter bins across the borough is already under way; this will identify any bins that are not well used and which might be relocated to areas of higher use. This work has identified at least one under used bin that is on the same schedule as the Broadway shopping parade and could be relocated to this area.

As a result of receiving the petition managers and supervisors have carried out further monitoring of the Broadway shopping parade and they have concluded that at least one of the bins is overflowing on a regular basis. This monitoring has also identified the need for local business to better carry out their responsibility to keep the area in front of their property free from litter.

If the two existing litter bins (112 litres) were to be replaced with two larger capacity bins (224 litres) as requested the cost would be approximately £1400, which is 28% of the current annual budget (£5,000) for carrying out repair and replacement of litter bins across the borough. It is not known at this point if there is sufficient space to facilitate larger bins either at the current site or at another site in the same location.

In considering any request to provide additional litter bins it is important to take account of the resultant increase in staff time to empty them and the knock effect this has to staff capacity to complete scheduled work, at a time when staffing resources are already stretched.

### **Proposed actions**

Leisure and Community Service (LCS) Officers will approach local businesses situated on Broadway Shopping parade to discuss voluntary emptying of litter bins outside their properties. This may help to overcome the problem without the need for additional bins.

LCS Officers will also liaise with colleagues in Environmental Enforcement to ensure local shop keepers are fulfilling their responsibility to keep the area outside of their property free from litter.

LCS Officers will continue to monitor the shopping parade and should the actions identified above not deliver sufficient improvements further consideration will be given to the relocation of the under used litter bin identified above.

**8. Finance** Finance issues are identified above.

### **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The uncertainties relate to the discussions with local businesses.

**10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications** N/A

**11. Background Papers and Consultation** N/A

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We the undersigned request the Rotherham Borough Council to look into the possibility of placing double sized litter bins outside the shops on Broadway Swinton, owing to the exceedingly heavy usage from both residents and 3 local schools. MR D Buckley 62 BROADWAY SWINTON  
T/PHONE 01709 878266



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Name	Address	E / Mail	Date
Maria Pearson	15A Broadway Swinton	—	30/8/12
Brenda Shaw	44 Ric Drive Swinton	—	30/8/12
Stacey Moffatt	15A Broadway Swinton	—	30/8/12
S. Cherry	63 Rookery Road	—	30/8/12
Jane Stacey	70 Broadway Swinton	—	2/9/12
Jean Minkovic	15 Griffin Rd Swinton	—	7/9/12
JAMES RANDERSON	5 THE LEA SWINTON	—	7/9/12
Rose Randerson	5 The Lea Swinton	—	7/9/12
K. Giller	64 Broadway	—	7/9/12
L. Mill	18 Broomfield Swinton	—	7/9/12
R. Wilkinson	2 The Crescent Swinton	—	7-9-12
P. Coates	10. Woodman Dr. Swinton.	—	7-9-12.
P. Sghed	27 Wombwell Ave, Wath	—	7-9-12
A. Taylor	80. Church St Swinton	—	" " "
S. Taylor	5. South Av Swinton	—	" " "
P. Harding	<del>42</del> Highmill Ave Swinton	—	" " "
J. Reeder	3, EAST AVE SWINTON	—	7-9-12
T. Reeder	3, EAST AVE SWINTON	—	7-9-12
S.A. Cassidy	12. RIMWOOD AVENUE SWINTON	—	7-9-12.
M. J. Riley	9 THE RISE	—	8-9-12
J.V. Hallam	10 VALLEY RD SWINTON	—	8-9-12
J. Treyle	1 East Ave Swinton	—	8-9-12.
J. Olett	3, The Lea Swinton	—	8-9-12
G. Needham	29 Goodwin Cres.	—	8-9-12
D. Cuddick	29, Broadway Swinton	—	8-9-12
S. Stacey	30 Racecourse Rd Swinton	—	12-9-12
H. Holmes	323, Hill Top Road. Cornborough	—	12-9-12
P. Smith	31 Pennington St. Doncaster	—	12-9-12
Tracy Nixon	33 The Lea Swinton	—	12-9-12.
L. Hadley	67 Valley Rd Swinton	—	12-9-12
A.M. [unclear]	65 [unclear] Swinton	—	12-9-12

Barry Stacey	30 LACEWOOD RD.
A Shaw	7 Weyfield Rd
Raeel Shaw	" "
Des Buckley	62 BROADWAY
P A BUCKLEY	62 BROADWAY

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<b>ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS</b>
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<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:-</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Waste and Emergency Planning</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:-</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> November 2012</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:-</b>	<b>Litter enforcement options</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:-</b>	<b>Neighbourhood &amp; Adult Services</b>

**5. Summary**

This report advises on current complaints about littering at two specific locations in the North of the borough and advises on the enforcement possibilities at both locations

**6. Recommendations**

**It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Waste and Emergency Planning ;**

**6.1 Notes the content of the report and confirms that enforcement approaches planned for the areas are appropriate and proportionate.**

## **7. Proposals and Details**

Although there have been relatively few complaints recently to the Council about littering offences on The Broadway at Swinton (last complaint in February) and Masefield Road at West Melton (last complaint in April), there is a litter and refuse issue which needs to be resolved. There are concerns that the level of problem is left un-reported and as such the area has not received as much attention as other areas.

There have been 7 street cleansing requests for Broadway and 8 for Masefield Road to Streetpride since 1 April 2012.

The Neighbourhood Wardens have spent a total of 4½ hours of patrolling around Masefield road for a number of issues, including litter since August 2012 in order to deter littering and anti-social behaviour.

However, in order to tackle these issues of litter build up and encourage residents to contact the Council a number of steps are to be taken. They include:

- a. Additional Neighbourhood Warden patrols in November on both streets at times when littering / dog fouling is likely to occur and to deter anti-social behaviour.
- b. Enforcement warnings will be given to the Businesses to ensure they are fully aware of their responsibilities towards their waste. Where necessary other checks on waste contracts will be carried out. The result of this could be Street Litter Control Notices or Fixed Penalty Notices for repeated non-compliance.
- c. Visits to residential properties by wardens and enforcement staff to identify the level of concern and to ensure they have contact details for the Council and to encourage reporting of littering and dog fouling issues.

## **8. Finance**

These enforcement actions are normal duties for the team and are covered by the existing budget.

## **9. Risks and Uncertainties**

The low level of recent complaints suggests that there may not be any enforcement action that is possible in the area other than initial warnings. The key issue being, in the main, not about local people actually littering but more the reduced frequency of litter bin emptying. Increasingly with the reduction in the time litter bins are scheduled for emptying there is an increased demand for an increase in enforcement patrols and enforcement action. This demand is requiring the deployment of the Warden team from already priority areas that have greater issues of general anti-social behaviour.

With the capacity of the Wardens being reduced, the meeting of such adhoc enforcement requests to meet the consequences of:

- the Council's reduced standard of street cleansing
- the need for local businesses to recognise their own responsibilities to introduce their own clean ups, and
- prioritisation of the Neighbourhood Warden's deployment to priority neighbourhoods

is unsustainable. Proactive work with local businesses via both the Streetpride Community Officer to reach an agreed local street cleanliness partnership is required.

These measures and the enforcement actions in particular can only succeed if there is an appropriate and responsive cleansing regime to enable the Zero Tolerance approach. For example, if litter bins are overflowing on a particular street, those issued with Fixed Tickets or Street Litter Control Notices may be able to present this issue as mitigation in court, which may not harm a prosecution case as it is a strict liability offence, but could lead to criticism and loss of reputation

## 10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Tackling Anti Social Behaviour is a key priority for the coming year as set out in the RMBC Corporate Plan

- ***helping to create safe and healthy communities, and***
- ***ensuring people feel safe where they live, particularly that Anti-Social behaviour and crime is reduced and people from different backgrounds get on well together.***

In particular the proposal contributes in ensuring that;

- People feel safe where they live
- ASB and crime is reduced
- People enjoy parks, green spaces, sports, leisure and cultural activities
- Our streets are cleaner

And fits totally within the business methodology of the Council by;

- Getting it right 1st time, reducing bureaucracy and getting better value for money,
- working with partners, and
- having the right people, with the right skills in the right place at the right time

Accordingly ensuring that anti-social behaviour is reduced and that people feel safe where they live is a key objective of the 2010/11 Neighbourhood & Adult Service plan

The approach has clear linkages to the seven outcomes of the Outcomes Framework for Social Care, and importantly contributes to ***Improving the Quality of Life***, and support to ensure ***Freedom from Discrimination or Harassment***.

The strategy takes close account of the developing Government policy drivers regarding crime, disorder, antisocial behaviour and localism, but locally is built from the statutory analysis undertaken by the partnership Community Information Unit and reported in the latest Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment which identified Anti-Social Behaviour as a priority for the Safer Rotherham Partnership.

## 11. Background Papers and Consultation

- n/a

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