

CABINET MEMBER FOR WASTE AND EMERGENCY PLANNING

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

Date: Monday, 7th April, 2014

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 3rd March 2014 (copy attached) (Pages 1 - 3)
5. Emergency Planning Update and Health and Safety Issues (Officers to report)
6. A Trial Project for Area Based Cleansing (Pages 4 - 6)
7. Concrete Litter Bins - update
8. Review of Provision of Household Waste Recycling Centres (Pages 7 - 9)
9. Waste Update (Officers to report)
10. Date and time of next meeting - Monday 2nd June 2014 at 9.30 a.m.

CABINET MEMBER FOR WASTE AND EMERGENCY PLANNING
3rd March, 2014

Present:- Councillor R. S. Russell (in the Chair); Councillors Ali and Swift.

L45. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 3RD FEBRUARY 2014

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Waste and Emergency Planning held on 3rd February, 2014, be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

L46. EMERGENCY PLANNING UPDATE AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

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

(a) Business Continuity

: Regular presentations provided for Sheffield City Council colleagues on Recovery and Restoration awareness.

: Meetings with Zurich Insurance about Sheffield City Council building resilience strategy.

: This Council's seasonal flu vaccination programme debrief has commenced; feedback being collated to be shared with the Rotherham multi-agency vaccination group and to formulate action plan for 2014/15 delivery plan (working with both Rotherham and Sheffield Public Health on this matter).

: This Council's Pandemic Flu plan disseminated (after ratification at SESMT).

(b) Emergency Planning

: Took part and facilitated Exercise Rutland on Tuesday 4 February 2014. South Yorkshire-wide LRF exercise with over 150 in attendance throughout the day. The exercise was well received and the lessons learned from it will be incorporated into future planning arrangements.

: Use of a specialist Police Chemical, Biological, Radioactive and Nuclear (CBRN) Silver Commander to train the Forward Liaison Officers. The training was well received and gave the FLOs an idea of what to expect in an incident of this nature.

: Reviewing this Council's approach to Public Safety in Events.

(c) Health, Welfare and Safety

: Participation in an Emergency Planning exercise and supported

participants in a simulated exercise involving a dam breaching.

: Carried out an unplanned inspection of Streetpride road workers undertaking re-surfacing works in Bramley. During the inspection all staff on site were adhering to good health and safety practices and the correct personal protective equipment was being worn by everyone.

: Delivered a Lone-Working workshop for managers of lone workers. This workshop assisted managers to update either existing risk assessments, or to develop new ones and to assess the control measures in place to ensure the safety of lone workers.

: Health and safety and road safety refresher training for drivers of heavy and large vehicles.

: Carried out an Asbestos Refurbishment Survey at a Primary School.

: Carried out a health and safety inspection of the stadium at Herringthorpe Playing Fields. The building and track are generally in a good state of repair and maintained to a reasonable standard.

Resolved:- That the update be noted and the Emergency and Safety Manager and the Principal Health and Safety Officer be thanked for their contribution.

L47. GREEN WASTE COLLECTION - RURAL PROPERTIES

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Waste Manager, outlining proposals to re-schedule the current commercial waste collection fleet. This proposal will facilitate the introduction of the remaining rural properties onto a garden waste collection service, on an alternate week basis. As part of this process, the rural properties will be provided with green bins for garden waste and some of the properties will also receive a black bin to replace the current sack collections.

The report described the rationale for this proposal, included details of the financing and stated that residents would be informed of the timescale for these changes. The revised waste collection arrangements will begin during the week commencing Monday 31st March 2014.

Resolved:- (1) That the report be received and its contents noted.

(2) That the remaining rural properties within the Rotherham Borough area be placed on a garden waste collection service, on an alternate week basis, so as to be in line with the rest of the Borough area and to encourage the recycling of waste materials.

L48. WASTE UPDATE

Consideration was given to the update provided by the Waste Manager,

Environment and Development Services and the BDR Waste Manager.
The update included:-

(a) the finalisation of working arrangements for Interim Waste Treatment and Disposal for 2014/15;

(b) the continuing discussions with partner organisations concerning the opening hours of Household Waste Recycling Centres, in accordance with the decision of Cabinet.

(c) cross-boundary waste disposal issues being discussed with Barnsley Borough Council (including re-tendering of green waste collection contract for Barnsley);

(d) details of the tendering period for the renewal of the 'dry recyclable' contract;

(e) programme of demonstration of refuse collection vehicles, to support new fleet provision;

(f) consideration of waste analysis to inform the performance of the BDR sub-Regional waste plant.

Resolved:- That the update be noted and the Waste Manager and the BDR Waste Manager be thanked for their contributions.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL - REPORT TO MEMBERS

1. Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Waste and Emergency Planning
2. Date:	Monday 7th April 2014
3. Title:	Street Cleansing Methods of Operation - Update
4. Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

This report provides a summary of proposed Street Cleansing Methods of Operation following trials that have taken place over the last 12 months.

6. Recommendations

6.1 That the Cabinet Member notes the proposed methods of operation.

7. Proposals and details

After several months of trials of different working arrangements for Street Cleansing, it is proposed to adopt the following methods of operation.

Scheduled Cleansing Rounds - The scheduled rounds (litter picking and bin emptying) have been revised using information provided by operatives, residents (contacts relating to requests for service) as well as management experience and knowledge. The purpose of this was to establish the most efficient frequencies for each activity, within the available resources; associated with this, we have been conducting a programme of removal of under-used litter bins to release capacity and, as a result some areas / bins will receive fewer visits and others will receive more.

District Cleansing - The review has confirmed that a number of township centres do require the retention of a dedicated lengthsman , as follows:

- Wath
- Parkgate
- Wales
- Dinnington
- Maltby
- Swinton
- Swallownest

The Brinsworth lengthsman will be consolidated into the Herringthorpe scheduled cleansing round as evidence over a couple of months (when we have had to cover sickness and vacancies) has shown that it is possible to do so effectively.

Hotspot team - A new team of three operatives has been set up to deal primarily with the litter hotspots of Eastwood Village, Ferham (Holmes Lane Josephine Rd etc.) and Clifton (Middle Lane etc.). The team will have some level of discretion about how much time they spend in each area depending on ground conditions on any given day.

Superblitz - Since November 2013 we have trialled the “superblitz” approach whereby a small number of streets are targeted and are thoroughly cleansed to include grubbing out, cutting back, clearing channels, footpath sweeping etc. We have specifically chosen places that do not get much attention during the rest of the year. We intend to carry out 6 such operations per year between October and March; this is because during the busy summer months there isn't the capacity to undertake these actions

Mechanical sweeping – several changes are imminent:

- (1) A programme for sweeping offside central reservations, splitter island and roundabouts has been drawn to commence early in the new financial year;
- (2) A new compact mechanical sweeper is being procured to replace the micro-sweepers that have in Rotherham (and Wath) Town Centres. Because this machine will have a better travelling speed (30 mph or greater), the vehicle will be able to do work outside of the town centre for example on major footpaths in townships and villages.

- (3) The schedules for the large (carriageway) mechanical sweepers have been fully reviewed which will enable us to schedule with more certainty when the vehicles will be in a particular area. In the event of an interruption to the schedules, the sweepers will restart from the points at which they had reached. Provision is also being made in the schedules to provide capacity to deal with ad hoc requests.

All proposed methods of operation will be monitored by managers and supervisors and further feedback will be sought from a staff focus group (that will meet every quarter) and from customer contacts. If any necessary modifications are identified they will be implemented at appropriate times during the year.

8. Finance

The changes to the method of operations will be accommodated within the existing Street Cleansing budget.

9 Risks and Uncertainties

As with the introduction of any new method of working it is not possible to be completely certain about its effectiveness. However the level of ongoing monitoring that will take place should be sufficient to ensure the early identification of any issues. Appropriate management actions will then be taken.

10 Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

It is considered that the proposal will have a positive impact on Council's corporate priority No. 4

'All areas of Rotherham are safe, clean and well maintained'

11 Background Papers and Consultation

Cabinet Member and Advisers for Waste and Emergency Planning, Monday 18 March 2013, *Trialling a different way of working in street cleansing*, Minute L71.

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS
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1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Waste and Emergency Planning
2.	Date:	Monday 7th April 2014
3.	Title:	Review of Provision of Household Waste Recycling Centres
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

This report nominates days for the closure of Household Waste Recycling Centres in accordance with Minute No. 185 of Cabinet on the 5th February 2014. The new working arrangements are proposed to commence from 1st June 2014.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member for Waste and Emergency Planning approves the following Household Waste Recycling Centre closures:

- 1. Magilla, Common Lane, North Anston on Tuesday each week.**
 - 2. Car Hill, Rotherham on Wednesday each week.**
 - 3. Warren Vale, Rawmarsh on Thursday each week**
 - 4. Lidget Lane, Ravenfield on Friday each week.**
 - 5. That the revised arrangement apply with effect from 1st June 2014.**
 - 6. That a further report be presented after 6 months of operation to determine if budget savings can be achieved.**
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7. Proposals and Details

Further to the decision of Cabinet, 5th February 2014, Minute No185 this report reviews the current provision of the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) in Rotherham and recommends reducing the days of operation to achieve the budgetary savings required for Financial Year 2014/15

The Council as a Waste Disposal Authority has a statutory obligation under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 for “places to be provided at which persons resident in its area may deposit their household waste and for the disposal of waste so deposited”. It is up to the Council to decide how it fulfils this duty in respect of how many Centres are provided, where they are situated and their opening days and hours

The management of Rotherham’s HWRCs is arranged through a joint BDR (Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham) contract with FCC Environment Limited. The contract with FCC Environment Limited sets out their duties in relation to the Council’s network of HWRCs. In order to change any contractual obligation, a variation to contract needs to be agreed with the service provider

In previous Financial Years the required budgetary savings have been achieved by cutting back on the daily opening times. It is now considered that normal opening times stand at a minimal level. Further narrowing of the daily opening times would leave insufficient hours in the day for it to be worthwhile opening a Centre. Closing selected Centres on specific days would best address the key issue of achieving the required budgetary saving whilst avoiding the need to close any HWRC permanently.

In order to achieve the required level of savings we need to close the equivalent of one Centre for four days per week. In accordance with Cabinet’s recommendation and to avoid disadvantaging one area of the borough unfairly, we intend to close each of our Centres for one day a week. In determining which Centre to close on which day we have consulted with the service provider, FCC Environment Limited, to receive their agreement and benefit from their operational experience.

It is proposed that with effect from 1st June 2014:

- **Magilla is closed every Tuesday**
- **Car Hill is closed every Wednesday**
- **Warren Vale is closed every Thursday**
- **Lidget Lane is closed every Friday**

8. Finance

The estimated saving from this proposal is £26,000 per annum (at current levels). In Financial Year 2014/15 FCC will submit a “one-off” claim for compensation for having to make payments to their staff in lieu of giving the full notice period required to vary their contracts of employment. The need to make compulsory redundancies will be avoided if we proceed with this arrangement agreed with FCC.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is a small risk that incidents of fly tipping may increase. It is considered this situation will not be exacerbated by the limited closure of our Centres as alternative HWRC provision will remain for Rotherham householders to use and it is thought the majority of the general public will not resort to illegal behaviour. This view is supported by the fact that no significant change in the volume of fly-tipping was recorded when individual HWRCs have been closed for site improvements.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The provision of HWRC's contribute towards achieving the Corporate Priority "All areas of Rotherham are safe, clean and well maintained".

Reducing the days of operation should have no impact upon equalities and diversity. The days of operation will be proportionately reduced across the whole service. The HWRC network will be left intact and able to continue to provide a high quality service to residents with no particular group or area adversely affected.

The impact on the Council's recycling rate should be minimal as there are other opportunities for householders to recycle their waste; this includes kerbside collections and the bring bank network.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Cabinet 5th February 2014 – Minute No. 185

Cabinet Member for Waste and Emergency Planning 3rd February 2014 – Minute No. 42

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