

CABINET MEMBER FOR STREETPRIDE

Venue: Training Room,
3rd Floor Bailey House,
Rawmarsh Road,
Rotherham. S60 1TD

Date: Monday, 2nd March, 2009

Time: 9.30 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006).
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. Revision of Parking Attendants' Shift Pattern. (report attached) (Pages 1 - 3)
Martin Beard, Parking Services Manager, to report.
 - to consider revised arrangements in relation to the shift times worked by Civil Enforcement Officers in order to achieve a more effective and responsive service.
4. Petition requesting Salt Bin - Low Golden Smithies. (report attached) (Pages 4 - 5)
Stephen Finley, Streetpride Assessment/Design Engineer, to report.
 - to report receipt of a petition.
5. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC
The following item is likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006) (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular individual (including the Council)):-
6. Waste PFI – Rotherham Transfer Station. (report attached) (Pages 6 - 9)
Adrian Gabriel, Waste Strategy Manager, to report.
 - to consider the omission of the express requirement for a Rotherham transfer station from the BDR Waste PFI Project.

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER FOR
STREETPRIDE**

1. Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Streetpride
2. Date:	2 March 2009
3. Title:	Revision of Parking Attendants Shift Patterns
4. Programme Area:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

This report puts forward for consideration revised arrangements in relation to the shift times worked by Civil Enforcement Officers in order to achieve a more effective and responsive service.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that: -

Civil Enforcement Officers' shift times to be amended for the Service to be operational between the hours of 6:30am and 8pm Monday to Thursday, 6:30am and 7:30pm Fridays and 8am and 4pm Saturdays.

7. Background

Rotherham MBC Civil Enforcement Officers currently work a 37 hour week over a four day period (9.25 hours per day). The shift pattern is flexible to the extent that a rota provides an enforcement service between the hours of 6am and 8am and/or 6pm and 8pm on a limited number of weekdays each month.

The Parking Service, in its current form, is still relatively new following the introduction of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement in Rotherham in 2005. As the Service has evolved a need for change has been identified.

Illegal parking activities, outside current working hours, have been observed and reported to Parking Services. The contraventions causing most concern are unauthorised parking in spaces allocated for people with disabilities, parking on double yellow lines and parking in areas designated for pedestrians only. The Parking Service is committed to the provision of quality parking facilities for people with disabilities. Parking on double yellow lines and in pedestrian zones has serious safety implications.

It has also been reported that vehicles being parked illegally and left over night cause safety and congestion problems for morning traffic.

Hazardous parking activity outside schools is often reported and this is a major concern in many communities.

8. Proposals and Details

It is proposed to introduce a shift pattern for the Civil Enforcement Officers to enable the service to function between the hours of 6:30am and 8pm. It is proposed that on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, Civil Enforcement Officers will either start work at 6:30am and finish at 2:30pm or start work at noon and finish at 8pm. The early shift on Fridays would end at 2pm. The later shift on Fridays would end at 7:30pm. Saturdays would be covered by a single shift, commencing at 8am and ending at 4pm.

The new shift system would not include patrols on late Friday and Saturday evenings due to the increased risks involved. However, reports have been received, from other Council Services, regarding problems caused by illegal parking activities. An example of this is vehicles being parked in designated taxi bays. This causes taxis to be displaced into the main carriageway which can be detrimental to the safe flow of traffic.

It is intended for Civil Enforcement Officers to undertake some random Friday and / or Saturday night patrols, accompanied by Police Officers, to deal with this type of parking contravention. The Civil Enforcement Officers involved would receive overtime payment for these patrols.

The earlier start would allow a more effective enforcement regime outside schools throughout the borough.

9. Finance

The generation of income is not a consideration of this initiative.

Savings will be made by the opening and locking of Wellgate multi storey car park being undertaken during normal working shifts rather than the current arrangement where overtime is paid for these duties.

For the Friday and / or Saturday patrols, it is anticipated that the income generated by the issuing of Penalty Charge Notices will easily exceed the cost of overtime payments.

10. Risks and Uncertainties

Some Civil Enforcement Officers may express objections to the new working arrangements. This is likely to result in new contracts being issued by HR with the requisite notice being served.

11. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

N/A

12. Background Papers and Consultation

Full consultation has been undertaken with all Civil Enforcement Officers, HR and appropriate trade unions (GMB and Unison).

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ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	STREETPRIDE SERVICE
2.	Date:	2 MARCH 2009
3.	Title:	PETITION REQUESTING THE PROVISION OF A SALT BIN ON LOW GOLDEN SMITHIES, SWINTON – WARDS 19
4.	Programme Area:	ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

5. Summary

The report summarises the results of a site visit and the proposed action to be undertaken in response to the receipt of a petition from residents of Low Golden Smithies, Swinton.

6. Recommendations

That it be resolved that the lead petitioner be appraised of the results of the site visit and that their request is not acceded to.

7. Proposals and Details

A petition with 50 signatures, attached as an appendix to this report, has been received from the residents of Low Golden Smithies, Swinton requesting the provision of a salt bin on Low Golden Smithies.

Low Golden Smithies runs off Golden Smithies Lane, which is on the precautionary salting route. Officers have visited the road and found that it does not meet the requirements of the Winter Service Policy, which states:-

“Salt bins will be provided and maintained for the "self-help" of highway users at sites which are known to be trouble spots not covered by salting routes or at very steep locations on the salting routes.”

Unlike some Local Authorities Rotherham do not set a minimum on street gradient where the provision of a salt bin will be considered. All sites are judged against location where bins are provided to test whether the provision of a salt bin would be reasonable.

Rotherham already place out and service over 300 salt bins across our highway network in accordance with the Winter Policy.

Low Golden Smithies is a cul-de-sac with a layout which has a slight incline at its entrance and level cul-de-sacs running off it.

Nowhere within the road layout does it prevent drivers with obvious problem resulting from snow and ice that are not present anywhere else on the untreated network.

I therefore recommend that a salt bin is not provided. We will, however respond to individual requests on a daily basis.

8. Finance

Winter Service is financed from the Streetpride Revenue budget.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

Due to the recent severe weather experienced this year many requests for the provision of salt bins have been received from roads where previously requests have never been made.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Rotherham Safe – Winter services are designed to meet the legal duty to ensure, so far is reasonably practicable, that safe passage along a highway is not endangered by snow or ice.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Copy of petition received attached to report.

12. Contact Name : *Stephen D Finley, Network Senior Engineer, telephone extension 29378, stephen.finley@rotherham.gov.uk*

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of the Local Government Act 1972.

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