

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD  
23rd December, 2016**

Present:- Councillor Steele (in the Chair); Councillors Albiston, Allcock, Clark, Cowles, Mallinder, Sansome, Short, Julie Turner, Walsh and Wyatt.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Price.

**62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest to report.

**63. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS**

There were no questions from members of the public or the press.

**64. ENHANCED ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME AND PARKING ENFORCEMENT**

Further to Minute No. 68 of the meeting of the Cabinet and Commissioners held on 12th September, 2016 consideration was given to the report which described the Council's desire to strengthen the non-statutory enforcement activity around environmental crime issues such as littering, dog fouling and fly-tipping.

The report described the Council's desire to strengthen enforcement activity around environmental crime issues such as littering, dog fouling and fly-tipping, which was detrimental to all neighbourhoods and of concern to local residents. It was, therefore, proposed to increase enforcement activity with a time for action approach and a more robust response.

Three options were submitted for consideration and were outlined in this report. Option 3 was recommended for approval to progress discussions with Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council to develop a shared service provision for twelve months, utilising their existing contract with an external provider, with an initial evaluation after three and six months after the contract had been rolled out.

It was anticipated that, subject to successfully discussions with Doncaster, the trialled shared service would be in operation for the start of the financial year on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2017 across the borough to tackle these issues and add value and enhancement as it also included car parking enforcement.

The Board were largely in favour of the proposals, but sought clarification on a number of areas through Members' questioning and were summarised as:-

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- Support to the initiative through a poster campaign in schools.
- Responsibility for bins, business ownership around hotspot areas and ensuring sufficient quantities.
- Costs to the Rotherham ratepayers and consultation with the workforce.
- Enhancement to the current car parking enforcement team with no displacement of staff.
- Additional capacity to cover hotspot areas across the whole borough and local intelligence.
- Terms of Conditions and Living Wage for staff.
- Additional resources to target hotspot areas, particularly with dog fouling.
- Six month and nine month evaluation of the twelve month contract, potentially through a seminar and by this Board.
- Review of the contract and the model and its detail.
- Action for persistent non-payers of fixed penalty notices and enhanced action through prosecutions.
- Fly tipping and the severity of the penalties.
- Action for cigarette disposal and inappropriate behaviour such as spitting.
- Importance of emptying litter bins to prevent overspill in light of budget constraints in priority areas.
- Liaison with Sheffield Magistrates Court.
- Additional vehicle removal powers for prolific offenders and the use of wheel clamps.
- Deployment of CCTV cameras to enhance the ability to prosecute for fly tipping.
- Relationship with Doncaster MBC, viability and potential for a break clause in the contract after six months.
- Budget savings through the initiation and flexibility of the contract, the wider benefits and the generation of surplus/income.
- Approaches to Parish Councils and partnership working with bin emptying, street cleansing and CCTV cameras.
- Increased numbers of CCTV cameras and their deployment.
- Assurances for the workforce, conditions of service and adjustments to meet demand.
- Details of the contract and service provision.
- Measuring the impact of success, benchmarking and feedback.
- Feedback from the success of the Doncaster mode, numbers of prosecutions and enforcement.

The Board were happy to endorse the recommendations and were satisfied for it to proceed with Cabinet with the period of review at both six and nine months.

**Resolved:-** That the report be received, the contents noted and the report progress to the Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting for approval for discussions to commence with Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council to explore the options and feasibility of a

shared service, utilising their existing contract with an external provider, to deliver enhanced environmental crime and parking enforcement within Rotherham on the basis of a twelve month pilot (with an initial evaluation after six months and a further review after nine months).

**65. PURCHASE OF THE ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PARK TECHNOLOGY CENTRE (AMPTC)**

Consideration was given to the report which sought for the Council to purchase the Advanced Manufacturing Park Technology Centre (AMPTC) using Sheffield City Region (SCR) capital funding, subject to a satisfactory valuation of the building.

**Resolved:-** That the report be received, the contents noted and the report progress to the Cabinet and Commissioners' Decision Making Meeting for approval for:-

- The Council purchasing the AMPTC, subject to securing funding for the purchase from the Sheffield City Region and undertake the necessary due diligence regarding the financial viability of the AMPTC and the legal and taxation implications arising from its purchase.
- The Assistant Director of Legal Services be authorised to negotiate and complete the necessary legal documentation to purchase the building and any grant documentation required by SCR.
- It being noted that any operating surplus generated by the AMPTC may have conditions placed on it via the SCR funding agreement and that, subject to the purchase being agreed, an amendment to the Capital Programme will need to be made by Council in due course.

**66. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:-** That a further meeting be held on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, at 9.00 a.m.