

**CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
20th October, 2014**

Present:- Councillor Hussain (in the Chair); Councillors McNeely and Swift.

G32. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 2ND OCTOBER, 2014

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Cabinet Member and Advisers for Environment held on 2nd October, 2014 be approved as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

G33. ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Finance Manager on the performance against budget for the Environment and Development Services Directorate Revenue Accounts as at 31st August, 2014 and providing a forecast outturn for the whole of the 2014/15 financial year. Members noted the forecast outturn position of an over-spend of £219,000 for the Environment and Development Services Directorate, based on expenditure and income as at 31st August, 2014.

During discussion of this item, Members raised the following salient items:-

: budget pressures (eg: income for Parking Services; dependency upon weather conditions for Winter maintenance);

: arrangements for Winter maintenance 2014/15 and the cost of providing salt bins around the Borough area.

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

(2) That the latest financial projection against budget for 2014/15, based on actual income and expenditure to 31st August, 2014, as outlined in the submitted report, be noted.

(3) That the submitted report be referred to the Self Regulation Select Commission for information.

G34. PETITION - CONDITION OF CARRIAGEWAY - MANOR ROAD, BRINSWORTH

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Principal Engineer (Streetpride), concerning the receipt of a petition, containing 286 signatures, from residents of (and visitors to) Manor Road, Brinsworth, requesting the resurfacing of the carriageway of Manor Road.

The report stated that Manor Road requires resurfacing as it is not suitable for patching or surface treatment works. The 2014/2015 highways works programme has been reviewed and Manor Road has not been included. A desktop exercise has been carried out and has resulted in an estimated cost of over £250,000 for the resurfacing. Due to the value of these works, a maintenance plan is to be developed in time for the April 2015 highways works review meeting, where Manor Road will be considered alongside other maintenance issues.

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

(2) That the lead petitioner be informed that carriageway resurfacing works for Manor Road, Brinsworth will be considered at future proposed highways works programme meetings, along with other highway maintenance sites.

(3) That cyclic safety highway inspections continue and, where necessary, additional inspections be carried out to ensure the road is in a safe condition in accordance with the Code of Practice for Highway Inspection and Assessment.

G35. PARKING SERVICES - FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2013/2014

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Parking Services Manager, giving details of statistics and income and expenditure for Parking Services for the financial year 2013/2014. The report highlighted:-

- the Traffic Management Act 2004, which requires parking authorities to report each year on financial and statistical information;
- Parking enforcement and appeals against penalty notices;
- the use of the vehicle-mounted closed circuit television system, in respect of parking enforcement;
- Parking issues affecting schools;
- Disabled Parking (blue badges) and fraud investigation;
- Income, expenditure and statistical information for Parking Services.

Members discussed the following issues:-

: there had been fewer penalty notices issued during 2013/14 than in the previous year;

: the definitions of upper level parking offences (eg: unauthorised parking in a disabled area; illegal parking which causes congestion and/or obstruction of the highway) and lower level offences (eg: overstaying the time limit);

: the use of the vehicle-mounted closed circuit television system, in respect of parking enforcement, especially in terms of preventing illegal parking outside schools (ie: those schools where there are traffic regulation orders affecting parking on nearby roads);

: advice provided to other local authorities about Disabled Parking (blue badges) and fraud investigation;

: the probable impact of the opening of the new Tesco supermarket in the Rotherham town centre (and the availability of time-limited free parking) upon the Council's income for vehicle parking; options for the future use of the existing Tesco supermarket car park on the Forge Island site and whether it should become a Council-controlled car park; options of using other land for parking purposes;

: the overall budget and income and expenditure for parking services;

: introduction of the 'pay on exit' system for the multi-storey car park at Wellgate, Rotherham;

: provision of parking permits for employees of town centre businesses;

: parking issues affecting roads near to the Town Hall;

: security within car parks and whether financial savings are achievable by the use of 'LED' lighting.

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

(2) That the report be approved for publication.