

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
- ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14TH APRIL 2005

Present: Councillors Mrs W Metherell (Chairman); Mrs A Bradshaw; Mrs E Eastwood; F McPhillips; A Johnston; Mrs J Johnston.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M Barnes; J Park, and from Ms J O'Reilly, Health and Safety Team Leader.

Officers: K Parker, Head of Leisure and Environmental Services; Mrs J Carrol, Waste Services Manager; Ms J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer.

Also present: Mr Richard Cornish, Managing Director, Doorstep Collections Ltd; Mr Peter Holland, Financial Director, Doorstep Collections Ltd.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2005 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

OSC-EN70

KERB SIDE COLLECTIONS

Mr Cornish gave a history of the project, including changes to funding and status of the company. While the next two years would see Copeland Borough Council incurring a cost of between 2.7-3.2p per property, a return to a cost neutral service to the Council was envisaged from November 2006. It was envisaged that in year 6, the company would see a profit.

4,000 more homes would be offered the kerb side collection service from April, with a further 2,000 homes coming on line in August. A trial of steel and aluminium can collection will begin shortly.

RESOLVED - that the briefing be noted.

OSC-EN71 **BVPI 199**

A briefing recapped on the criteria for this performance indicator and how areas are graded. Detritus continued to be the main cause of concern. The Overall score for 2004-05 is 36%. There is an expectation of 30%. It was hoped that there would be two more sweeper drivers soon. Recent developments included the start of the work of the Clean and Green team and partnership working with Amey Mouchel who had supported an initiative to clean up a part of the A595 during 7 tonnes of litter had been collected. A chewing gum clean of King Street, with other areas soon to follow, was applauded.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

OSC-EN72 **FORWARD PLAN**

The Forward Plan of key decisions to be taken by the Executive was submitted and noted.

OSC-EN73 **WORK PLAN**

The current Work Plan for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees was submitted and noted., and Members were invited to contribute ideas for the 2005-06 workplan.

OSC-EN74 **FOLLOW UP REPORT**

In addition to the points made, the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services added that a forthcoming change in legislation would make it easier for action to be taken against private landowners.

OSC-EN75 **FOOD SAFETY SERVICE PLAN**

As Mrs O'Reilly had tendered apologies owing to a last minute urgent meeting with the Food Standards Agency, it was

RESOLVED - to defer the Food Safety Service Plan report to the next meeting of the Committee.

Chair:.....

Date:.....