

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
- ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2ND SEPTEMBER 2005

Present: Councillors Mrs A Bradshaw; Mrs M Barnes; Mrs J Johnston; J Park; W Southward; G Scurrah.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs E Eastwood; F McPhillips; A Johnston.

Officers: K Parker, Head of Leisure and Environmental Services; Mrs J Carrol, Waste Services Manager; G Eilbeck, Waste Supervisor; Bradley Wroe, Waste Management Officer; Stephen Bishop, Enforcement Manager, Ms J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2005 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

OSC-EN91

Performance Monitoring of Refuse Collection

Members received a briefing on the delivery of the refuse collection service, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. The following observations were made:

- Members considered that the performance for collection of bins was good.
- Of those bins/bags missed, Members were told that the twin bin system reduced flexibility for returning to collect items and this was an area on which waste management was working.
- Incidences reported of 'missed bins' required further investigation, as there were times when calls might not be genuine. Crews felt strongly that where bins had been overloaded or not put out in time, that it should not be assumed that they had been missed.
- Communications could be improved with Copeland Direct and it was hoped that a new monitoring system, to be introduced in November, would assist the process.

- Bulky waste collection – Members were assured that absences in April had been genuine as the crews do not receive remuneration for the first three days off sick.
- Some work had been done on fly-tipping and the introduction of charges for the uplift of some bulky waste and there did not appear to be a significant correlation. At times, there was over-reporting of fly tipping when slightly different details were given by a caller.
- Approximately 8,000 tonnes of green waste were collected a year. Only four loads in two years had been rejected. People responsible for contamination would have their brown bin removed.

RESOLVED: that the service plan with targets be circulated to Members.

That the Waste Services Manager return in 6 months time to give an update, towards the end of the civic year, as to further progress against targets.

OSC-EN92

Work Plan

The work plan of the Committees was received and noted by the Committee. Cllr Janet Johnston informed the Committee that she had attended a meeting with officers on the Clean Neighbourhoods Act and a summary of the changes was issued and appended to these minutes.

RESOLVED: that a fuller briefing of the implications of the Clean Neighbourhood Act be organised for the next meeting.

OSC-EN93

Forward Plan

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

OSC-EN94

West Cumbria Partnership

The minutes were received and noted.

OSC-EN95

Items for which the Press and Public will be Excluded:

RESOLVED: that Item 12 should be held with the press and public excluded on the grounds of the disclosure of exempt information under paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

OSC-EN96

Kerbside Collection Service

Members studied further evidence with respect to doorstep recycling.

RESOLVED: that the Committee support a budget bid for
£70,000 in respect of doorstep recycling.
Chair:.....
Date:.....