

Motherwell, 27 January 2015 at 2 pm.

A Meeting of the ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor McPake, Vice-Convener; Councillors Baird, Cefferty, Cochrane, J. Coyle, Curley, Docherty, Goldie, Grant, Harmon, W. Hogg, Irvine, Logue, Love, McCulloch, McGlinchey, McKendrick, McNally, McShannon, Majid, Masterton, Nolan, G. O'Rourke, P. O'Rourke, Stocks, and Annette Valentine.

CHAIR

Councillor McPake (Vice-Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Manager, Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services, Head of Environment and Estates, Head of Facility Support Services and Head of Protective Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors McKenna, Morgan, Smith, Spowart and Wallace.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. No declarations were made.

SERVICE PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT – APRIL–SEPTEMBER 2014

2. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2015 by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services providing details of (1) performance for the first six months of the financial year 2014/15 in relation to certain indicators contained within the Service Plan for Regeneration and Environmental Services; (2) indicators which (a) had not met the target set and where performance was below the acceptable threshold, and (b) had surpassed the target set and where performance was above the acceptable threshold, and (3) corrective action taken or due to be taken to ensure the targets were met.

Decided: that the report be noted.

REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES SERVICE PLAN 2015/16

3. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2015 by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services (1) seeking approval of the 2015/16 Service Plan for Regeneration and Environmental Services, as contained within the Appendix to the report; (2) outlining the Service Planning process, and (3) indicating that the Service Plan comprised (a) strategic focus from the Executive Director; (b) delivery of the Corporate and Community Plans together with the Single Outcome Agreement, and (c) Service and People First elements.

Decided:

- (1) that the Service Plan for Regeneration and Environmental Services for the period 2015/16, as contained with the Appendix to the report, be approved and noted, and
- (2) that the Plan be remitted to the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Policy and Resources (Regeneration and Infrastructure) Sub-Committee for their interest.

WASTE MANAGEMENT - OPERATIONAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS 2015/2017

4. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 29 October 2013, when it had been agreed that a report be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee on proposals to further improve front-line recycling performance to ensure national targets were met, there was submitted a report dated 27 January 2015 by the Head of Environment and Estates (1) reporting on (a) the operational performance since the introduction of alternative working patterns in April 2014, and (b) the current levels of recycling being achieved; (2) advising, by way of background (a) that recently published figures showed that the Council recycled 43% of the 170,000 tonnes handled in the year to March 2014, falling short of the 50% target set by the Scottish Government under the Zero Waste Plan, and (b) that waste analysis confirmed that significant amounts of glass remained within the residual waste system in North Lanarkshire compared to councils that had provided separate glass collection services; (3) explaining that he had been investigating possible progressive changes into the way in which the Council currently operated, with a view to encouraging all residents and businesses to fully engage with all the Council's recycling initiatives, and in so doing, increasing the amount of materials recycled; (4) proposing (a) the introduction of a glass collection service to a further 96,000 properties by providing each household with an additional 240 litre container, and (b) that the Glass Collection Service operate a four weekly cycle from October 2015; (5) indicating that, as part of these proposals, (a) there would be no changes to the weekly food waste, fortnightly summer garden waste, and both special uplift services, and the operations of the household waste recycling centres, and (b) the blue bin (commingled dry recycle), glass and residual waste uplifts would be altered over an 18 month period commencing October 2015 as detailed therein; (6) seeking approval, for the reasons identified, to procure an external provider to undertake the Glass Collection Service from October 2015 until April 2017; (7) outlining the marketing exercise to be undertaken to raise awareness of the changes, and (8) summarising the financial implications of his proposals.

Councillor McPake, seconded by Councillor Harmon, moved that the recommendations contained within the report be approved.

Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor Stocks, moved, as an amendment, that consideration be continued to allow a public consultation exercise to be undertaken with a report being submitted to a future meeting on the outcome of that consultation.

On a vote being taken, 10 Members voted for the amendment and 16 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared carried.

Decided:

- (1) that it be noted that the Council's performance in Glass Recycling fell short of the target identified by the Scottish Government under the Zero Waste Plan;
- (2) that it be noted that significant amounts of glass remained within the residual waste system in North Lanarkshire compared to councils which had provided glass collection systems;
- (3) that the expansion of the Glass Recycling Service to a further 96,000 properties, by providing each household with an additional 240 litre container, be approved;

- (4) that the expansion of the Glass Recycling Service commence in October 2015 and continue until the end of March 2017, subject to the appointment of an appropriate external contractor, and
- (5) that a marketing exercise be undertaken to raise awareness of the changes.

TOBACCO AND PRIMARY MEDICAL SERVICES (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010 – ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY AND ACTIVITIES

5. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 13 August 2013, when the activities carried out by the Trading Standards Service to protect young persons from tobacco and tobacco products had been noted, there was submitted a report dated 27 January 2015 by the Head of Protective Services (1) advising that, by virtue of Section 26 of the Tobacco and Primary Medical Services (Scotland) Act 2010, it was the duty of the Council to consider, at least once in every 12 month period, the extent to which it was appropriate to carry out a programme of enforcement action relating to the supply of tobacco products to persons under 18 years of age; (2) detailing the background relative thereto, and (3) outlining (a) the enforcement strategy to regulate the sale and use of tobacco products, and (b) the level of enforcement activity during the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

Decided:

- (1) that the enforcement strategy to protect young people from tobacco products, as detailed in the report, be endorsed, and
- (2) that the activities carried out by the Trading Standards Service to protect young persons from tobacco and tobacco products be noted.

REVOCAION AND AMENDMENT OF AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS

6. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 13 August 2013, when the Air Quality Action Plan for 2013/16 had been approved, there was submitted a report dated 27 January 2015 by the Head of Protective Services (1) advising of the Council's requirement to regularly review air quality within its area under a process known as Local Air Quality Management; (2) detailing the background relative thereto; (3) indicating (a) that the air quality monitoring results at the Moodiesburn Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) had demonstrated, over recent years, that annual average levels of particulates in the AQMA now complied with the statutory national air quality objective for this pollutant, and (b) that, following a consultation exercise undertaken regarding the proposals to revoke the AQMA, no comments had been received, and (4) seeking, for the reasons detailed therein, amendments to (a) Whifflet AQMA to include the automatic monitoring site at Shawhead, including the M8 corridor at Kirkshaws, due to the air quality objective for both particulates and nitrogen dioxide being exceeded, and (b) Chapelhall AQMA which currently only declared for breaches of the annual mean objective for particulates, but now required to include the monitoring of breaches of nitrogen dioxide.

Decided:

- (1) that the revocation of the Air Quality Management Area at Moodiesburn, effective from April 2015, be approved, and
 - (2) that the proposed amendments to the Air Quality Management Areas of Whifflet and Chapelhall be approved, effective from April 2015.
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INFORMATION SHARING PROTOCOL BETWEEN NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL AND POLICE SCOTLAND TO ASSIST WITH THE COLLABORATIVE WORKING ON A TRADING STANDARDS ATTACHMENT

7. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2015 by the Head of Protective Services (1) indicating (a) that the Council's Trading Standards and Police Scotland were committed to partnership working to detect, prevent and reduce crime for the benefit of local communities, and (b) that the Trading Standards Service and Police Scotland had agreed to establish a three month pilot project during which a member of Trading Standards would be embedded within the Lanarkshire Police Division to enable parties, as partners, to liaise in enforcement work regarding the identification and disruption of criminal scams and rogue trading; (2) advising that, accordingly, an Information Sharing Protocol, as detailed within the Appendix to the report, had been entered into between the Council and Police Scotland to assist with their collaborative working, and (3) detailing the operational aspects of the pilot.

Decided:

- (1) that the decision to sign the Information Sharing Protocol between the Council and Police Scotland, as agreed by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services and the Convener of Environmental Services, be homologated, and
- (2) that the contents of the report be otherwise noted.

LAUNCH OF ELECTRONIC DRIVER LICENCE CHECKING SYSTEM

8. With reference to paragraph 34 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 23 April 2013, when it was agreed that the former Head of Land Services undertake the procurement of an electronic driving licence checking system, there was submitted a report dated 27 January 2015 by the Head of Environment and Estates (1) indicating that the Council had a legal duty to ensure, at least once per year, that all authorised drivers held the correct licence entitlement for the type of vehicle being driven; (2) advising that the roll-out of the pool car scheme had further increased the number of authorised drivers, and that the manual checking of licences had become problematic; (3) intimating (a) that an electronic licence checking system was able to identify drivers with infringements and points on their licence, and (b) that the electronic system would require an employee to sign a mandate which authorised the Council to obtain driving licence data from the DVLA; (4) summarising the financial implications, and (5) recommending that the electronic driving licence checking system be rolled out to Services in early 2015.

Decided:

- (1) that it be agreed that the Fleet Operations Section roll-out the automated driving licence checking system in early 2015, and
- (2) that the report be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee and Policy and Resources (Human Resources) Sub-Committee for consideration.

ANNUAL INDEPENDENT PLAY AREA INSPECTIONS 2014/15

9. There was submitted a report dated 24 September 2014 by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services (1) advising (a) that the contract to deliver the service to carry out the Annual Independent Play Inspections was currently provided by Active Playground Management, and (b) that the duration of the contract was for one year with an option for the Council to extend the contract for a further year; (2) indicating that the first year of the contract ran from 1 March 2013 to 28 February 2014, with the option to extend this period for a further year from 1 March 2014 to 28 February 2015, and (3) further advising that following discussion with the service provider, it has

been agreed that there would be no cost increase to carry out the independent inspections during the extension period.

Decided: that it be noted that the contract for the Independent Play Area Inspections had been extended.

ADDITION OF AWARDS, CITATIONS OR COMMENDATIONS TO WAR MEMORIALS

10. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2015 by the Head of Environment and Estates (1) advising that the Council looked after war memorials throughout North Lanarkshire which commemorated those who had died in the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts, (2) pointing out that the memorials varied significantly in size, style and in the manner in which names were recorded, and (3) indicating (a) that although there were many awards, citations and commendations that could be added to war memorials, the ability to add additional information to an existing name could be limited by the available space, resulting in variable levels of service provided, and (b) that while every attempt was made to provide satisfaction to those who had requested additional information be added, it was considered that a restriction be placed on the addition of awards, citations and commendations other than the Victoria Cross, where space permitted.

Decided: that additional commemoration information to be added to war memorials be restricted to Victoria Cross commendations, where space permitted.

LAND SURPLUS TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

(1) LAND AT AUCHINGEICH MINERS' CLUB

11. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2015 by the Head of Environment and Estates seeking approval to declare an area of land at Auchingeich Miners' Club, Gartferry Road, Moodiesburn, as detailed in the plan appended to the report, surplus to operational requirements.

Decided:

- (1) that the area of land at Auchingeich Miners' Club, Gartferry Road, Moodiesburn be declared surplus to operational requirements, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Regeneration and Infrastructure) Sub-Committee for consideration.

(2) LAND AT BELGOWAN STREET, BELLSHILL

12. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2015 by the Head of Environment and Estates seeking approval to declare an area of land at Belgowan Street, Bellshill, as detailed in the plan appended to the report, surplus to operational requirements.

Decided:

- (1) that the area of land at Belgowan Street, Bellshill be declared surplus to operational requirements, and
 - (2) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Regeneration and Infrastructure) Sub-Committee for consideration.
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(3) LAND AT 4 BEN LAWERS DRIVE, EASTFIELD, CUMBERNAULD

13. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2015 by the Head of Environment and Estates seeking approval to declare an area of land at 4 Ben Lawers Drive, Eastfield, Cumbernauld, as detailed in the plan appended to the report, surplus to operational requirements.

Decided:

- (1) that the area of land at 4 Ben Lawers Drive, Eastfield, Cumbernauld be declared surplus to operational requirements, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Regeneration and Infrastructure) Sub-Committee for consideration.

REVENUE MONITORING REPORT – REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

14. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2014 by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services (1) providing a summary of the Regeneration and Environmental Services financial performance for the period from 1 April to 5 December 2014, as contained within the Appendices to the report; (2) giving explanations for any significant variances, together with risks and uncertainties, and (3) detailing the projected outturns.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

COMPOSITE CAPITAL PROGRAMME – MONITORING REPORT

15. There was submitted a report dated 13 January 2015 by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services (1) advising on the overall projected financial position for the 2014/15 Capital Programme for the period from 1 April to 5 December 2014; (2) providing an update on the financial performance of the Regeneration and Environmental Services Capital Programme for that period; (3) containing explanations of significant variances and potential risks, and (4) detailing in the Appendix to the report the projected outturn for 2014/15.

Decided: that the contents of the report be noted.

REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TRADING ACCOUNTS

16. There was submitted a report dated 19 December 2014 by the Executive Director of Regeneration and Environmental Services (1) providing a summary of the Regeneration and Environmental Services Trading Accounts' financial performance for the period from 1 April to 5 December 2014; (2) forecasting the outturn as at 31 March 2015, and (3) summarising (a) in Appendix 1 of the report the overall Trading Summary, and (b) in Appendices 2 to 5 a summary of each of the individual activities within the Service.

Decided: that the report be noted.

FLEET PROCUREMENT 2014

17. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 2015 by the Head of Environment and Estates (1) seeking homologation for action taken, by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Convener of Environmental Services, in approving the lease of seven vehicles, and (2) providing details thereon.

Decided: that the action taken by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Convener of Environmental Services, in approving the lease of seven vehicles be homologated.