

**Motherwell, 13 February 2019 at 2 pm.**

A Meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor McPake, Convener; Councillor Fannan, Vice-Convener; Councillors Anderson, J. Ashraf, Carragher, Cochrane, Di Mascio, Docherty, Doolan, Douglas, Goldie, Gourlay, Kerr, Lennon, Logue, McLaren, McNally, McNeil, Reddin (for paragraphs 3-7 only) , Roarty, Stocks, Annette Valentine, Weir and Wilson.

**ALSO PRESENT**

In accordance with Standing Order 64(A), Councillor Duffy attended as a substitute for Councillor Reddin (paragraphs 1 and 2 only) and Councillor Gallacher attended as a substitute for Councillor Cullen.

**CHAIR**

Councillor McPake (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Executive Director (Enterprise and Communities); Head of Environmental Assets; Head of Regulatory Services and Waste Solutions, and Committee Officer.

**APOLOGY**

Councillor Cullen.

**CONVENER'S REMARKS**

The Convener welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Environment and Transportation Committee.

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

1. Councillor McPake declared an interest in paragraph 7 by virtue of his appointment as a Member of Amey Public Services LLP, however, considered the interest so remote and insignificant that it did not preclude his participation in this item.

**REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE WASTE SOLUTIONS SERVICE**

2. There was submitted a report by the Head of Regulatory Services and Waste Solutions (1) providing background in relation to (a) the revised Waste Collection Service, which was approved by Council in January 2015 and introduced on 2 October 2017, and (b) the operational issues encountered across the Council area since the introduction of the new service; (2) advising (a) that a review of the introduction of the new service arrangements had been undertaken, in order to establish any weaknesses that contributed to the operational issues, and (b) that the subsequent recommendations, in order to address these issues, had been detailed in a report to the meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Panel held on 13 December 2018; (3) intimating that a follow-up review had been scheduled for early 2019, when the Services' responses to the recommendations would be assessed and reported to the Executive Director (Enterprise and Communities), and (4) detailing (a) that the Service

still required transformational change to ensure that it reached its goal of being the benchmark for all other Local Authorities, and (b) the proposed additional short and long term measures and improvements required.

Councillor McPake, seconded by Councillor Fannan, moved (1) that the proposed service improvements, as detailed within the report, be approved, and (2) that the report be noted.

Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Gallacher, moved, as an amendment (1) that the £15 charge referenced in paragraph 2.4.6 of the report for new residents to undertake a “clean start” and the £50 charge for a replacement bin as detailed in paragraph 2.6 of the report be continued to be met by the Council and not charged to residents, as outlined within the report, and (2) that the report be otherwise approved.

Councillor Carragher, seconded by Councillor Goldie, moved as a further amendment that the report be continued to the Special Meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee, scheduled for 28 February 2019, to enable further discussion and review, with a particular focus on the charges referenced in paragraphs 2.4.6 and 2.6 of the report, the rationalisation of depots, commercial vehicle waste and the need to engage the public in the process.

On a vote being taken, in the first instance between the motion and the amendment first proposed, 12 Members voted for the amendment first proposed, 12 Members voted for the motion and 1 Member abstained. The vote being equal, the Convener exercised his casting vote in favour of the motion which was accordingly declared carried.

On a further vote being taken, between the motion and the amendment second proposed, 13 members voted for the amendment second proposed and 12 members voted for the motion. The amendment second proposed was accordingly declared carried.

**Decided:** that the report be continued to the Special Meeting of the Policy and Strategy Committee scheduled for 28 February 2019 to enable further discussion and review, with a particular focus on the charges referenced in paragraphs 2.4.6 and 2.6 of the report, the rationalisation of depots, commercial vehicle waste and the need to engage the public in the process.

#### **UPDATE ON PARTNERSHIP WORKING BETWEEN POLICE SCOTLAND AND TRADING STANDARDS**

3. There was submitted a report by the Head of Regulatory Services and Waste Solutions providing an update on the continuing success of the partnership working project established between Police Scotland Lanarkshire Division, North Lanarkshire Trading Standards and South Lanarkshire Trading Standards.

The Head of Regulatory Services and Waste Solutions advised that there was an amendment to paragraph 2.6 to the report in that the value of the counterfeit goods recovered was in the region of £150,000 not £15,000 as stated therein.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the joint working partnership activity between Trading Standards and Police Scotland be endorsed and supported, and
- (2) that the content of the report, including the amendment to paragraph 2.6 as orally detailed by the Head of Regulatory Services and Waste Solutions, be noted.

**RESIDENTS' PARKING PERMITS**

4. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 4 October 2018, there was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental Assets (1) outlining the proposed Residents' Parking Permit Scheme; (2) setting out, within Appendix 2 to the report, the application form and guidance notes in relation to the Scheme; (3) identifying, within Appendix 1 to the report, the list of qualifying streets where permits would be available, and (4) detailing the costs associated with the Scheme.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the introduction of the Residents' Parking Permit Scheme be approved;
- (2) that the charges, to be applied in relation to permits, be approved, and
- (3) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Environmental Assets to review and amend the list of qualifying streets, as and when Traffic Orders were updated.

**CONTRACT OVERSPEND - FINISH TOWER, STRATHCLYDE COUNTRY PARK**

5. There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental Assets (1) advising, in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations, of an overspend incurred on the contract to refurbish the Finish Tower in Strathclyde Country Park, and (2) detailing that the original contract value was £596,179.95 and that the final adjustment of contract sum was £657,213.50, which equated to a variation of £61,033.55.

**Decided:** that the overspend in relation to the contract to refurbish Strathclyde Country Park's Finish Tower be noted.

**CONTRACTS AWARDED BELOW COMMITTEE APPROVAL THRESHOLD**

6. There was submitted a report by the Head of Asset and Procurement Solutions providing, within the Appendix to the report, details of a contract which had been awarded by the Head of Asset and Procurement Solutions, under delegated authority, during the period from 1 October to 31 December 2018.

**Decided:** that the content of the report and Appendix be noted.

**Councillor McPake, by virtue of his appointment as a Member of Amey Public Services LLP, having declared an interest in the following paragraph, considered the interest so remote and insignificant that it did not preclude his participation.**

**AMEY PUBLIC SERVICES LLP: OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT FOR QUARTERS 1 AND 2 2018/19 AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AS AT 28 SEPTEMBER 2018**

7. There was submitted a report by the Head of Business Solutions (1) outlining Amey Public Services Limited Liability Partnership's (APS LLP) performance against its business objectives and Council priorities for Quarters 1 and 2 of 2018/19; (2) detailing the financial performance as at 28 September 2018, and (3) informing of the outcome of the recent Year 8 Best Value Service Review.

**Decided:**

- (1) that APS LLP's operational performance for Quarters 1 and 2 of 2018/19, along with the service delivery highlights for the same period, be noted;
- (2) that APS LLP's financial performance as at 28 September 2018 be noted, and
- (3) that the outcome of the Year 8 Best Value Service Review be noted.