

Notice of a public meeting of

Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment

To: Councillor Waller (Executive Member)

Date: Monday, 8 May 2017

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: The Auden Room - Ground Floor, West Offices (G047)

AGENDA

Notice to Members – Post Decision Calling In:

Members are reminded that, should they wish to call in any item* on this agenda, notice must be given to Democratic Services by **4:00pm on Wednesday 10 May 2017**.

*With the exception of matters that have been the subject of a previous call in, require Full Council approval or are urgent which are not subject to the call-in provisions. Any called in items will be considered by the Corporate and Scrutiny Management Policy and Scrutiny Committee.

Written representations in respect of items on this agenda should be submitted to Democratic Services by at **5.00 pm on Thursday 4 May 2017**

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Member is asked to declare:

- any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests
- any prejudicial interests or
- any disclosable pecuniary interests

which he might have in respect of business on this agenda.

- 2. Minutes** (Pages 1 - 2)
To approve and sign the minutes of the Decision Session held on 12 April 2017.

- 3. Public Participation**
At this point in the meeting, members of the public who have registered their wish to speak at the meeting can do so. The deadline for registering is at **5.00 pm on Friday 5 May 2017**.

Members of the public may register to speak on an item on the agenda or an issue within the Executive Member's remit.

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- 4. A Cleaner City** (Pages 3 - 26)
This report provides a review of the service performance with regard to street cleansing over the last eight months following a trial of new street cleansing schedules across the city.
- 5. Urgent Business**
Any other business which the Executive Member considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment
Date	12 April 2017
Present	Councillor Waller

30. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, the Executive Member was asked to declare any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, any prejudicial interests or any disclosable pecuniary interests which he had in the business on the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

31. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 3 April 2017 be approved as a correct record and then signed by the Executive Member.

32. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

33. A Single Health & Safety Organisation

The Executive Member considered a report which provided an update on progress in relation to the creation of a shared organisation for the delivery of health and safety services to North Yorkshire County Council and City of York Council under a shared service agreement.

The Assistant Director, Customer and Digital Services, and the Shared Head of Health and Safety presented the report which they confirmed was a *final* report and not a final draft report as stated in the agenda papers. They explained the arrangements which were currently being put in place in relation to staff TUPE transfer, shared service arrangements, arrangements for support services and governance arrangements. They advised that the arrangements would be subject to regular monitoring by a client officer group comprising nominated chief officers from each council and that bi-annual updates relating to performance of the shared service would

be provided to the Executive Member for Environment. Officers responded to questions raised by the Executive Member during discussion.

Officers advised that the final legal agreement had been drafted and was currently being reviewed. The Executive Member requested that the final legal agreement be taken to a public meeting for publication in the public domain and officers agreed to seek legal advice from both councils in relation to this.

As delegated by the Executive, the Executive Member considered three options set out in the report at paragraphs 7 and 13 for how any income generated by the organisation could be shared between the two councils. Officers advised that their recommended option, at least for the first year, was option a), a mechanism of sharing any additional income generated by the shared service based on the percentage of investment into the service.

The Executive Member agreed that the proposed arrangements provided the opportunity to maintain continuity of service for what was a crucial service for both councils. He agreed that option a) was the most suitable but asked that the resolution referred to “losses” as well as “income”. It was acknowledged that the income sharing agreement could be reviewed in the future and changed if it appeared that the mechanism was not working properly for one or both councils.

Resolved: (a) That progress on the establishment of the shared Health & Safety Service be noted.

(b) That Option A, a mechanism of sharing any additional income/losses generated by the shared service based on the percentage of investment into the service, be approved.

(c) That, subject to legal advice from both councils, the final legal agreement be taken to a public meeting for publication in the public domain.

Reason: To ensure that the Executive Member and residents are assured that future Health & Safety services are resilient and related financial agreements are robust and transparent.

Councillor A Waller, Executive Member,
[The meeting started at 3.00 pm and finished at 3.25 pm]



Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment 8 May 2017

Report of the Corporate Director, Economy and Place

A Cleaner City**Summary**

1. This report provides a review of the service performance in regards to street cleansing over the last eight months, following a commitment by the Executive Member to review the outcomes of the trial at an appropriate time.

Recommendations

2. The Executive Member is asked to note the contents of this report and the standards of cleanliness being achieved as a result of changes to the cleansing schedules and increased working with volunteers and ward committees.

Reason: To ensure that best use is made of the available resources for street cleansing activities.

Background

3. A report was brought to the Executive Member in January 2016 which recommended a trial of new street cleansing schedules across the city.
4. Following consultation with ward members, the trial of the new schedules commenced in August 2016 for a period of six months.

Options and Analysis**Maintaining Cleansing Standards**

5. The trial included the mechanical sweepers driving at a slower pace to achieve higher standards. The trial period included the leaf fall season which saw additional demands on the service which saw us deploy our mechanical resources and some of our manual resources to concentrate on locations with trees. Due to leaf fall this season being slow and very wet we were actually still seeing leaves being cleared in early January, when they were being blown out of hedge backs and grassed areas.

6. During the trial we took before and after photographs which show the standards which were achieved at various locations across the city (Annex 1).

Consultation

7. Feedback was received by the Communities and Equalities team and was logged and showed that there had been no major issues. (Annex 2)
8. Data on the number of customer contacts regarding all cleansing cases for the period August 2015 to January 2016 and August 2016 to January 2017, as shown in table 1 below, show no increase to levels of contact.

Table 1

	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Total
Cleansing Cases 2016/17	121	109	132	80	96	168	706
Cleansing Cases 2015/2016	83	103	146	150	75	147	704

Council Plan

9. The proposals in this report are in line with the Council Plan priority to Place a Focus on Frontline Services.

Implications

10. The report has no implications relating to: Finance, Equalities, Human Resources, Legal, Crime and Disorder, Information Technology, Property.

Risk Management

11. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy the main risks that have been identified associated with the proposals contained in this report are those which could lead to the inability to meet business objectives and to deliver services, leading to damage to the Council's reputation and failure to meet stakeholders' expectations. The level of risk is assessed as "Very Low" as the consultations and business case development proposals in this report are intended to mitigate this risk. This means that periodic monitoring of standards will need to continue.

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Corporate Director, Economy and Place

Report Approved

19 April 2017

Wards Affected: All

All

For further information please contact the author of the report.

Annexes

Annex 1: Before and After photos of cleansing standards

Annex 2: Feedback to Communities & Equalities team

Background Papers: [A Cleaner City – report to Executive Member for Environment 25th January 2016](#)

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Beckfield Lane

Acomb Ward

BEFORE



AFTER



Annex A

Woodlea Bank

Acomb Ward

BEFORE



AFTER



Acorn Way

Dringhouses and Woodthorpe

BEFORE

AFTER



Barbican Road

Fishergate Ward

BEFORE



AFTER



Annex A

Hull Road

Fishergate Ward

BEFORE



AFTER



New Lane

Holgate Ward

BEFORE

AFTER



Navigation Road

Guildhall

BEFORE



AFTER



Annex A

Quaker House Lane

Guildhall Ward

BEFORE



AFTER



Annex A

Calvert Close

Haxby & Wigginton Ward

BEFORE



AFTER



Annex A

Malton Road

Heworth Without

BEFORE



AFTER



Baille Hill Terrace

Micklegate Ward

BEFORE



AFTER



Moss Street

Micklegate Ward

BEFORE



AFTER

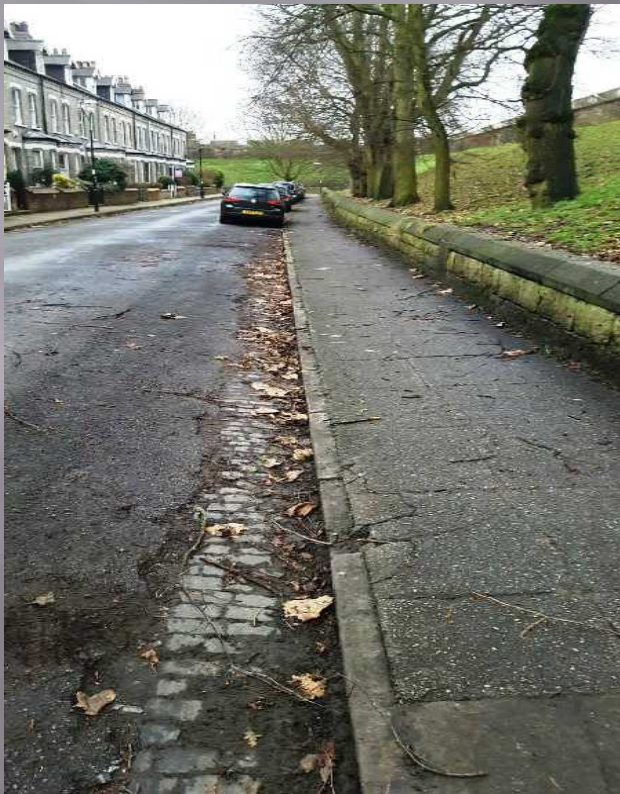


Annex A

Newton Terrace

Micklegate Ward

BEFORE



AFTER



Annex A

Cedarwood Close

Westfield Ward

BEFORE



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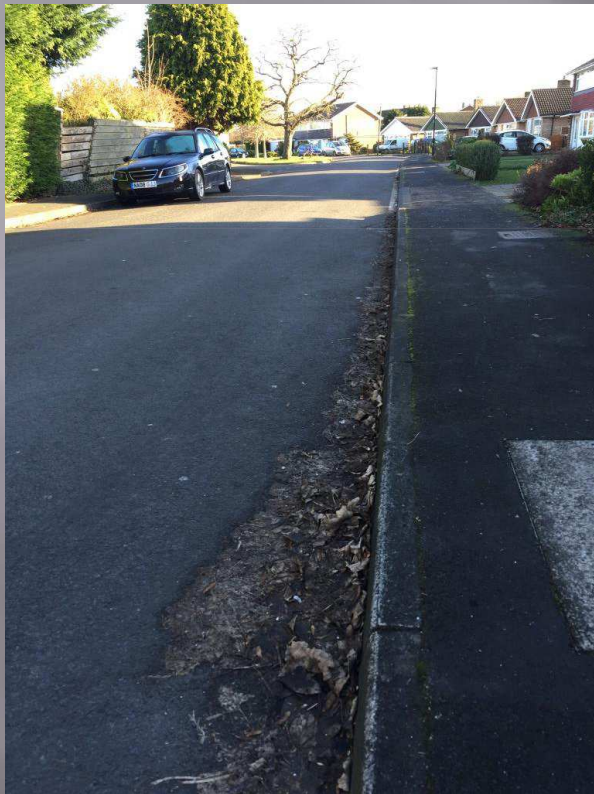


Annex A

Huntsman's Walk

Westfield Ward

BEFORE



AFTER



Annex A

Kitemere Place

Westfield Ward

BEFORE



AFTER



Otterwood Lane

Westfield Ward

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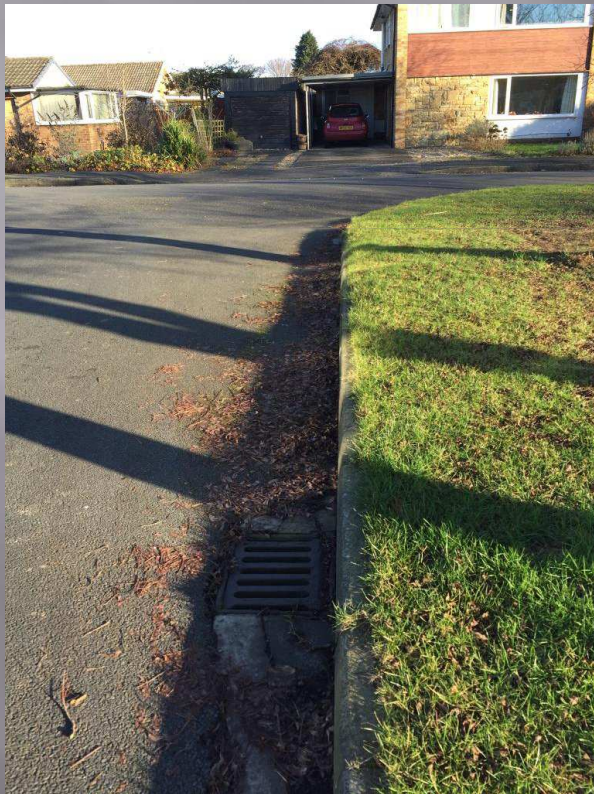
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Thornwood Covert

Westfield Ward

BEFORE



AFTER



Annex A

Street Cleansing Pilot

Date	Ward	Issue / suggestion
27/07/2016	Acomb	Boroughbridge Road is not highlighted on the mechanical cleaning map, why?
27/07/2016	Acomb	Cleaning gulleys, how much would that cost?
27/07/2016	Acomb	Is the gulleys cleaning separate to the mechanical street cleansing schedule?
17/07/2016	Dringhouses and Woodthorpe	Are we to take it that every 28 days these roads are currently mechanical swept? seems more frequent that I would have though. - comment from Cllr A. Mason
13/07/2016	Dringhouses and Woodthorpe	What does the manual cleaning involve?
13/07/2016	Dringhouses and Woodthorpe	Why does Tadcaster Road and Moor Lane not appear on the schedule
13/07/2016	Dringhouses and Woodthorpe	The ward may want to consider using some of their revenue budget to pay for additional cleansing. What is the price list for mechanical and manual street cleansing?
06/07/2016	Heworth Without	How much would it cost to increase mechanical cleansing frequency from quarterly to monthly? - Algarth Road, Ashley Park Road, Galtres Avenue, Whitby Avenue, Stray Road, Elmpark Way, Woodlands Grove, Elmlands Grove, Westlands Grove and all off shoots.

06/07/2016	Heworth Without	Monthly manual cleansing on Elmpark Way, Woodland Grove, Elmlands Grove, Westlands Grove and all off shoots - is there a higher need there comparing to other streets that have a quarterly frequency?
06/07/2016	Heworth Without	What is the rationale behind particular streets having quarterly, monthly or weekly manual cleansing? I.e. Elmfield Terrace, part of Elmpark View, bottom end of Springfield Close have a weekly frequency - is there a higher need there?
05/10/2016	Westfield	<p>Looking at the maps for Westfield, it looks like there is a different manual frequency colour for some streets such the top of Huntsman's Walk which is not shown in the key (sort of orange rather than yellow). This may just be a print defect.</p> <p>Is the weekly manual sweep on most roads the guy who litter picks following the refuse collection vehicle? If so the supporting text on the web site should make this clear (or people will expect to see lengths-men again).</p> <p>The footpath link from Kingsway West to little Green Lane is shown as "private". The footpath was actually bitmaced by the Council some years ago and has always been cleansed by the Council. This is a litter blackspot area.</p> <p>Ditto the paths across Chesney's Field and The Green (other problem areas). From a residents</p>

perspective, they are Council owned and maintained areas although internally they may be on the books of the Leisure or Housing departments. They couldn't be described as "private" in any meaningful way.

It isn't clear whether these maps include Housing Department owned land. Not sure anyone routinely sweeps the garage areas for example? They are certainly a mess (little Green Lane, Dijon Ave., Marston Ave)

Lack of a daily manual clean at the Foxwood (and maybe Chapelfields) shops are issues that I can see?

It would be useful from a residents viewpoint if the web page could include photos of the "mechanical sweepers" that the Council uses (there are several types as you know)

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