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MEETING	EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY AND ADVISORY PANEL
DATE	8 MARCH 2006
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS LANCELOTT (Chair), D'AGORNE (except for agenda items 1, 2, 3 and 9), MOORE, POTTER, VASSIE, WALLER (Executive Member), B WATSON and M WAUDBY

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## **PART A – MATTERS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

### **75. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

Cllr M Waudby declared a personal and non prejudicial interest in agenda item 7 - Reducing Underage Sales of Alcohol (minute 81 refers) as an employee in shop that is licensed to sell alcohol.

### **76. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Member for Environment and Sustainability and Advisory Panel held on 8 February 2006 be approved and signed by the Chair and the Executive Member as a correct record.

### **77. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

John Cossham addressed the committee on agenda item 9 - update in the Joint Municipal Waste Strategy (minute 84 refers) and raised concerns about the consultation that had been conducted in respect of the Waste Strategy, specifically, he felt that it had not been a widespread and comprehensive consultation and that residents had not been given enough information and opportunity to respond on this issue. As a result he expressed concerns that any results from the consultation would not be presenting a true reflection of views.

### **78. TACKLING NOISE NUISANCE**

Members considered a report on the corporate approach to dealing with domestic noise nuisance and the reporting of noise complaints outside of normal office hours and to seek approval for a new rapid response noise enforcement service.

Members welcomed the report and discussed the increase of the fixed penalty notice from the £100 recommended in the report.

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Executive Member be advised to;

- i) Note the report and welcome the new approach for dealing with noise nuisance as part of the council's commitment to tackling anti-social behaviour;
- ii) approve the establishment of a new weekend night time noise enforcement service;
- iii) appoint a new additional temporary senior environmental protection officer;
- iv) set the level of fixed penalty notices at £200.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and the suggested decisions, above, be endorsed.

REASON: To better facilitate effective management of domestic noise nuisance reporting and resolution.

**79. STEET CLEANSING QUARTERLY REPORT**

Members received a report which provided information on the Street Cleansing Service and other related contract monitoring information within Waste Services, which impacts on the Street Environment. This report covers the October, November and December 2005.

Members discussed the outstanding work on the establishment of a city wide standard for street cleansing.

Advice of the Advisory Panel:

That the Executive Member be advised to note the content of the report.

Decision of the Executive Member:

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To update the Executive Member.

**80. POLICY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PARTS I - IV OF THE HOUSING ACT**

Members received a report that sought Members approval of a detailed policy for the implementation of the Housing Act 2004. It was intended that this policy would compliment the general Environmental Health, Trading Standards and Licensing Enforcement Policy. Members noted that revised appendices 1 & 2 to Annex 1 of the report had been circulated and received prior to the meeting.

Advice of the Advisory Panel:

That the Executive Member be advised to;

- i) note the report;
- ii) approve the policy set out in Annex 1 to the report
- iii) authorise the Chief Officer to make minor amendments to the policy should any secondary legislation differ from the draft document and that this be reported back to Members.

Decision of the Executive Member:

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To enable the satisfactory implementation of Parts I - IV of the Housing Act 2004.

**81. REDUCING UNDERAGE SALE OF ALCOHOL**

Members received a report which detailed a new stretched target to reduce underage sales of alcohol and also sought approval to appoint a temporary member of staff.

Advice of the Advisory Panel:

That the Executive Member be advised to

- i) note the contents of the report;
- ii) give approval for the appointment of a temporary senior enforcement officer post in trading standards;
- iii) that the next report back to Members includes more detail about the viability of the range proof of age cards.

Decision of the Executive Member:

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To increase the efficacy of the enforcement work in the reduction of underage sales to alcohol.

## **82. 2005/2006 MONITORING REPORT - FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

Members considered a report which represented two sets of data. The first was the latest projections for revenue and capital expenditure for the Environment and Sustainability portfolio. The second was a report of quarter 3 (2005/2006) performance against target for a number of key indicators that are made up of Best Value Performance Indicators, Customer First Targets (letter and telephone answering) and Staff Management Targets (sickness absence). Members noted that a revised report and agendas had been circulated and received prior to the meeting.

Members discussed the need to have the data from the York Pride Action Line reported separately from the wider data for the broader directorate.

### Advice of the Advisory Panel:

That the Executive Member be advised to;

- i) note the current financial and performance progress to date and thanks for given to officers for their hard work in keeping to budget;
- ii) That the York Pride Action Line data be detailed separately in future reports.

### Decision of the Executive Member:

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To inform the Executive Member.

## **83. UPDATE ON THE JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE STRATEGY**

Members considered a report which updated them on the development of the joint municipal waste strategy between the councils of City of York (CYC), North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and the seven district and borough councils in North Yorkshire (The Partnership).

In response to the comments raised under public participation (minute 77 refers) Officers confirmed that the partnership agreed that the results from the consultation, on the aspect of waste treatment technology, were inconclusive and indicated that the distribution mechanism that had underpinned the consultation exercise was being examined. Members were advised that further consultation on the options for waste treatment technology would be undertaken by the partnership later in the year

Members were advised that further to recent communications with the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), the partnership were to meet to discuss the current Outline Business Case (OBC). It was indicated that this might result in a delay of the approval of the OBC as the partnership might decide to move away from the integrated approach and towards a greater focus on the waste treatment technology solution. If this was the case, Members were advised that, the partnership may need to re-scope the public consultation as it would need to reflect the re-worked Business Case.

Members discussed the connection between the work being done under the Waste Strategy at partnership level and the work being done through the Local Development Framework (LDF) on waste and minerals. The Executive Member requested that an update from Director of City Strategy on the timing of stating preferred waste treatment site options within the LDF be provided to Members.

Advice of the Advisory Panel:

That the Executive Member be advised to;

- i) note the content of the report;
- ii) note that the York and north Yorkshire Waste Partnership will be continuing with public consultation;
- iii) request an update on the timing of for the stating of preferred waste treatment site options from the Director of City Strategy.

Decision of the Executive Member:

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To update the Executive Member.

A WALLER  
Executive Member for Environment and Sustainability

M LANCELOTT  
Chair

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.30 pm.