
Meeting	Communities and Environment Policy and Scrutiny Committee
Date	17 May 2016
Present	Councillors Gunnell (Chair), Richardson (Vice-Chair), Funnell, Kramm, K Myers and Mason
Apologies	Councillor Orrell

57. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, Members were asked to declare any personal interests, not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in respect of business on the agenda. No additional interests were declared.

58. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 15 March 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

59. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's public participation scheme.

60. Goose Management Scrutiny Review - Cover Report

Consideration was given to the final report from the Goose Management Scrutiny Review which had been re-presented to Members. This was to enable them to consider whether they wished to reconsider any of the recommendations of the review, in light of the decision of the Executive in April.

It was noted that Councillor Kramm as Chair of Task Group had presented the report, in some detail, to the Executive and whilst

thanking the Task Group for their work the Executive had raised concerns regarding the resourcing and officer time required to produce and implement an integrated goose management strategy. The Executive had therefore not approved the recommendations as presented but had referred them back to the Committee for redrafting and for further consideration by the Executive Member, in line with budget constraints.

Members referred to the extensive work already undertaken in relation to the review and agreed that the recommendations as presented to the Executive in April 2016 were the most appropriate to properly address the city's needs in relation to goose management. They noted that it had not traditionally been the role of scrutiny to produce reports or recommendations which an Executive could always support and therefore agreed that further consideration would set a precedent for the future working relationship between Scrutiny and the Executive.

Officers confirmed that they would try to identify any practical measures that could be taken to enable some or all of the recommended measures to be taken forward.

Following further discussion it was

Resolved: That, having considered and reflected on the feedback from the Executive in relation to the final report of the Goose Management Scrutiny Review Task Group, the Committee agreed to refer back the final report and recommendations to the Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism for reconsideration.

Reason: To take account of the Executives recommendations and in order to conclude the Scrutiny Review in line with CYC Scrutiny procedures and policy.

61. Work Programmes

Members reviewed their current years work programme and gave consideration to possible scrutiny topics for the 2016/17 municipal year. A copy of the Committee's draft work plan for the forthcoming year was also circulated for member's consideration.

The following suggestions were put forward and Officers commented on each:

- There was a need for more focus on scrutiny work rather than Officer updates (which could be emailed to Members and any subsequent concerns raised with Officers at a subsequent meeting)
- Collection of clinical waste from pharmacies and general practitioners – a review of clinical waste collections is ongoing and will be reported to a future Executive Member Decision Session, in due course
- Fly Tipping Tang Hall Beck – it was noted that there were proposals to dredge the beck which would alleviate current problems
- Homelessness and begging in the city – the Police 3 step approach – Members noted details of current training sessions on homelessness and housing. Cllr Mason to examine issues for consideration as a potential topic at the Committee's next meeting
- Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO's) licences – Officers to email link to draft report and action plan regarding licences to the Committee ¹.
- Update on Drainage Boards –noted that this would be picked up by the Independent Flood Inquiry
- Section 106 Open Space payments – Officers to circulate link to spreadsheet of payments received and monies spent ².
- Circus and Animal Performance Policy – Officers to work with Cllr Kramm to enable a topic registration form to be submitted to the Learning & Culture Policy & Scrutiny Committee
- Early Night Time Economy – if particular focus identified – possible future topic
- A-Boards – to discuss with Executive Member at a future meeting
- Fly tipping in City Centre – safety issues – potential topic
- Overview substance misuse team - update required from relevant authorities
- York's approach to Neighbourhood Working, procurement of schemes, outcomes/measures and experience of other authorities – possible scrutiny topic

Resolved: (i) That the Committee's draft work plan for the 2016/17 municipal year be received and noted subject to the following:

- 29 June 2016
 - Slip attendance of an Executive Member to July meeting
- (iii) That, on his next attendance, the Executive Member for Transport & Planning be requested to provide an update on the ongoing Officer review of the Council's 'A-Boards' policy.
- (iv) That representatives from the North Yorkshire Police and Safer York Partnership be requested to attend a future meeting to report on:
 - enforcement options and ongoing work in relation to begging in the city
 - drug related crime and disorder

Reason: To ensure that the committee has a planned programme of work in place.

Action Required

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| 1. Email link to HMO draft report and action plan to Committee. | SW |
| 2. Email link to Section 106 spreadsheet information. | CC |

Cllr J Gunnell, Chair
 [The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 6.40 pm].