
Meeting	Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date	22 April 2014
Present	Councillors Douglas (Chair), Orrell (Vice-Chair), Fraser, Healey, Hodgson, King and Warters

52. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare at this point in the meeting any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they may have in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

53. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting of 11 March 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

54. Public Participation

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

55. Quarter 3 Finance Monitor for Environmental Services and Public Protection

Members gave consideration to a report which provided an update on financial performance, service plan improvement actions and performance measures for Environmental Services and Public Protection. This item had been deferred from the previous meeting.

Members' attention was drawn to the main variations by service plan, as detailed in the report. Officers were questioned about the areas in which there was an overspend and the action that was being taken to address this situation.

Discussion took place regarding the forecast overspend within Parking Services, which was partly due to a shortfall of income from Penalty Charge Notices. It was noted that the income target in this area had been increased but there were also benefits to the city when parking offences were not being committed.

Referring to the shortfall in Commercial Waste, Members asked if consideration was being given as to ways in which the charges for the service could be made more competitive. Officers stated that this was being considered although no changes had currently been implemented. Members agreed that Commercial Waste may be an issue on which they would wish to carry out a scrutiny review.

Members requested further information on the following issues:

- A break down of the income received from Penalty Charge Notices and the increase that was set in respect of income generation
- Information in respect of recycling values¹

Resolved: That the financial and performance information provided in the report be noted.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee is kept updated on financial and performance issues.

Action Required

1. Circulate information requested

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56. Draft Work Plan for 2014/15

Members gave consideration to the draft work plan for 2014/15, including possible topics for scrutiny review in the coming year.

The following suggestions were put forward:

- Commercial waste
- Update report on changes regarding the Probation Service
- River safety (the committee would not, however, wish to overlap with the work that AVANTI were carrying out in respect of this issue)
- Update report on the work of the horse bailiff
- Overview report on flood defences
- The Anti-Social Behaviour Hub

- Council housing maintenance (including the upgrading and refurbishment programme)

Resolved: That the suggestions put forward be taken into account in the work plan and at the scrutiny work planning event as appropriate.

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

57. Work Plan and Verbal Update on Ongoing Reviews

Members noted the Committee's work plan for 2013/14.

A verbal update was given on the Domestic Waste Recycling Scrutiny Review.

Resolved: (i) That the work plan for 2013/14 be noted.

(ii) That the verbal update on the Domestic Waste Recycling Scrutiny Review be noted.

Reasons: (i) To ensure that the committee has a planned programme of work in place.

(ii) To enable the committee to monitor progress on the work of the task group.

Councillor Douglas, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 6.20 pm].