

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Environment
Date	8 May 2017
Present	Councillor Waller

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### **34. 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.

### **35. Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 12 April 2017 be approved as a correct record and then signed by the Executive Member.

### **36. Public Participation**

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

### **37. A Cleaner City**

The Executive Member considered a report that provided a review of the service performance in regards to street cleansing over the last eight months.

The Head of Operations gave an update and confirmed that a report was brought to the Executive Member in January 2016 which recommended a trial of new street cleansing schedules across the city and following consultation with Ward Members the trial commenced in August 2016.

The Executive Member appreciated the work that had gone into delivering the new schedules and agreed the trial had demonstrated noticeable improvements including the reduction

in the rate of weed growth. He agreed that using resources more effectively made savings within services.

He requested officers respond to all points raised in Annex 2 of the report and he thanked the team for the increased work with volunteers to productively deliver the new arrangements. He agreed that partnership working between residents and Council staff worked effectively and he felt the proposed timescales had allowed for members of the public and Ward Members to observe and comment on the new schedules.

In answer to the Executive Members questions officers confirmed they had mechanisms in place to deal with any hotspots that may emerge.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That the standards of cleanliness being achieved, as a result of changes to the cleansing schedules and increased working with volunteers and Ward Committees, be noted.
- (iii) That all staff and volunteers involved in delivering the new street cleansing schedules across the city be thanked for their commitment and hard work.
- (iv) That officers respond to the feedback reported in Annex 2 of the report.

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

Cllr Waller, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 5.37 pm].