
MEETING	EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND ADVISORY PANEL
DATE	25 JULY 2007
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS BOWGETT (CHAIR), HOLVEY (VICE-CHAIR), ORRELL, POTTER, TAYLOR, WALLER (EXECUTIVE MEMBER), WATT AND B WATSON

14. Declarations of Interest

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

None were declared.

15. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Panel held on 7 June 2007 be approved and signed by the Chair and Executive Member as a correct record subject to the amendment of Minute 13 (Forward Plan) with the deletion of the word 'officers' in the first line and the insert of Cllr Waller.

16. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Councillor Jamieson-Ball spoke on agenda item 5 (Petition re: Recycling Facilities at University of York). He informed Members that there was a clear demand to increase recycling at the University. He stated that option 2 would best suit the University as all areas were different and required individual assessments. Option 2 would also support what the students had already achieved and would reduce what goes into landfill.

17. The Rogers Review - The five national enforcement priorities recommended for local authority regulatory services.

Members received a report which sought approval to incorporate the recommendations of the Rogers Review into service planning for environmental health, trading standards and licensing services.

Members received a presentation titled National Enforcement Priorities for Local Authority Regulatory Services which explained the Rogers Review.

In 2006 the government had asked Peter Rogers, Chief Executive of Westminster City Council, to head a review to examine the many areas of legislation that local authority regulatory services enforced. The Rogers Review was published at the March 2007 Budget and its recommendations were accepted in full by the government.

The Review used a risk focused, evidence-based approach, taking into account the views of local authorities, including port health authorities, citizens, businesses, government departments and Ministers to help prioritisation from over 60 policy areas enforced by local authority regulatory services. The review team then carried out an initial sift of these 60 policy areas to identify the top five national priorities. The 5 national priorities (and a 'sixth limited' priority) covered the following areas:

- Air quality, including regulation of pollution from factories and homes
- Alcohol, entertainment and late night refreshment licensing and its enforcement
- Hygiene of businesses, selling, distributing and manufacturing food and the safety and fitness of food in the premises.
- Improving health in the workplace
- Fair trading (trade descriptions, trade marking, mis-description, door selling)
- Animal and public health, animal movements and identification – a time limited priority, but predominantly a rural issue.

The report also referred to the Roger's criteria for local priorities which it was acknowledged that local authorities were best placed to understand and respond to. The local priorities in the City of York Council proposed for 2008/09 for trading standards, licensing and environmental health services were:

- Tackling noise nuisance
- Preventing underage sales
- Ensuring healthy lifestyle (incorporates food standards, smoke-free and local environment issues)
- Providing educational support for local businesses to assist with their compliance with legislation
- Contaminated land

Officers confirmed that their next priority was to incorporate the priorities into their service plans.

In answer to questions officers gave assurances that they would also continue to focus on the issues of street cleaning, litter, dog fouling etc.

Consideration was given to the following options:

Option 1

- To incorporate the five national enforcement priorities and the proposed local priorities into future service planning activities.

Option 2

- Not to incorporate these enforcement priority issues into future service planning activities.

Advice of the Advisory Panel

That the Advisory Panel advise the Executive Member to incorporate into future planning activities and service plans, the national enforcement priorities as set out in paragraph 7, and the local enforcement priorities set out in paragraph 13.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel as set out above be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: To ensure that the Council's approach to tackling national and local enforcement priorities are in line with government guidance.

18. Petition re Recycling Facilities at University of York

Members considered a report that had been prepared in response to a petition presented to Council by Councillor Potter on behalf of 60 students at the University of York. The report gave details of waste and recycling development already undertaken at the University and explored options for future development.

Members were informed that City of York Council had collected domestic and commercial waste from the University for many years and until 2004, little emphasis had been placed on recycling with the majority of waste being taken to landfill. In 2004 the University of York tendered for the provision of a managed waste service, City of York Council, in partnership with Yorwaste had been successful in winning this service and the new contract started in September 2005. Since the start of the contract, and with the support from the Student Union Environmental Representatives the University recycling rate had increased from 25% to 38%. Recycling was widely promoted throughout the campus and City of York Council was involved in providing officer time and marketing materials to assist in this. Due to lack of storage space, and the distance accommodation blocks were from central bin stores, many students, whilst actively recycling, were not engaged in the movement of the material to a central collection point. In many areas of the University it was impossible to provide kerbside recycling largely due to the restrictions on vehicle access.

Members discussed and considered the options available:

Option 1

- The current kerbside scheme operated by the council to its residents could be expanded to encompass areas of the University campus containing domestic accommodation.

Option 2

- A system of bespoke arrangements for each domestic area is assessed and implemented.

Members discussed the Universities recycling discounts and agreed that the Officers in consultation with the Chair would write to the University of York administration to request them to pass their land fill tax credits directly to the student recycling representatives to help carry out recycling schemes.

Advice of the Advisory Panel

- i) That the Advisory Panel advise the Executive Member to approve option 2 to assess and implement bespoke arrangements for each domestic area at the University of York.
- ii) That Officers continue to work with University staff and students to maximise recycling opportunities.
- iii) That the Officers in consultation with the Chair write to the University of York administration to request them to pass their land fill tax credits directly to the student recycling representatives to help carry out recycling schemes.

Decision of the Executive Member

RESOLVED: That the advice of the Advisory Panel as set out above be accepted and endorsed.

REASON: Continuing to work closely with the University will reap rewards for the University and other York residents.

19. Forward Plan

Members discussed the forward plan and agreed the following items for future meetings:

6 September 2007

Update on Prosecutions including update on Cold Calling Control Zone
Finance and Performance Monitor
National Service Plans
Scores on the Doors
Underage Sales Enforcement
Waste Minimisation

17 October 2007

Update on bin collecting in ally gated areas
Update on street cleaning for residents within the City Walls

Yorkshire in Bloom
Low Emissions Zone

6 December 2007

Carbon Management Programme

CLLR WALLER
EXECUTIVE MEMBER

CLLR BOWGETT
CHAIR OF ADVISORY PANEL
The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.18 pm.

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