

REGENERATION AND NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday 23rd January 2018

PRESENT – *Councillors Surve (Chair), Khonat, Mulla, Shorrocks, Neil Slater and Wright*

Also in Attendance -

Martin Eden	Director of Leisure and Environment
Kelvin Rutter	Service Lead, Car Parking
Mark Aspin	Community Safety
Andrea	Community Safety
Karen Timperley	Community Safety
Paul Conlon	Democratic Services

RESOLUTIONS

18 Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor Hardman.

19 Minutes of the meetings held on 6th December 2017

The minutes of meetings held on 6th December 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

20 Declarations of Interest in items on this Agenda

There were no declarations of Interest received.

21 Parking Services Income Update.

The Committee received an update on the budget in relation to income from car parking and enforcement. The issue had been identified by the Committee at the beginning of the year given the significance to the residents of the borough and the Council. The Committee considered a breakdown of the individual income streams, how the Council achieved its income targets and how this compared with previous years. The income was broken down into the following streams:-

- Pay and Display
- Staff Charges
- BRFC Parking
- Residential Parking Permits

- Feilden Street Multi Storey
- Enforcement.

The Committee were informed that the money that the council received from car parking and enforcement could only be used to fund highway and transportation schemes.

In response to a question from a Member, the Director of Environment and Leisure highlighted the issues relating to parking at the cemeteries and the difficulties that introduction and enforcement of parking may cause. This was a sensitive issue however caused many issues due to inconsiderate behaviour of some car users. The Committee were also informed that the issue of adoption of the roads adjacent to the cemetery were to be considered. This would allow enforcement of highway regulations but raise issues of sensitivity.

RESOLVED-

1. That the Committee welcome the forthcoming action to address any issues of mis-use of Disabled Parking Permits in the Borough.
- 2, That the economic impact of parking and its contribution to the Councils spend on highways and road safety issues be noted

21 Community Safety Community Relations and Cohesion

The Committee received a presentation on the work being carried out in relation to the issue of Community Safety and Road Safety in particular. The work of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership was outlined and the agreed outcomes outlined as follows

- To reduce number, severity and rate of road traffic injuries
- Reduce rate of fatalities and injuries across road users and age groups.
- Improve, adapt and change attitudes and perceptions of road users
- Improve community engagement with road safety

The Committee examined data showing the figures behind the plan and how this had changed over time. Particular focus was given to the issue of education and schools and the work that had been undertaken in the vicinity of schools to prevent accidents through poor driving standards. The Committee looked at the provision of average speed cameras in the borough and the effect this had on driving standards. The Committee also looked at the way that engineering was used to redesign highways where a particular problem had been highlighted through accident data.

A member drew attention to the particular issue of drivers who disregarded the rules of the road on a regular basis and seemed to be oblivious to the issues that they caused to other members of the community. The need for enforcement

where breaches of the law take place was stressed and that this needed to be a priority for the police given the effect this behaviour has on the community. The Committee were informed that road safety was currently not one of the key priorities of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Committee also received information on the reasons for different types of speed humps and how these differed from road to road depending on the type of road usage.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Executive Member be requested to raise with the Police and Crime Commissioner the effects that road mis-use has on the community and that he be requested to make road safety one of his priorities for the coming year.
2. That the Chair of the Licensing Committee be requested to raise the issue of acceptable driving of taxi drivers at the next meeting of the taxi forum and reaffirm the standards expected by the Council and the residents of the Borough.
3. That information road safety on a ward basis be forwarded to each Member to ensure that they are aware of the issues in their area and also what is being done to mitigate this and improve safety.
4. That information be made available to school governors and to Head Teachers through the Head Teachers Bulletin setting out the assistance that is available to schools in relation to road safety and traffic issues around schools.

22. Department of Transport Level 3 Funding.

The Committee were updated on the current situation with regard to the Department of Transport Level 3 funding, a topic on the Committees work programme. The documents were to be signed this week and submitted to the Department. The Committee will be informed of the progress as soon as available.

RESOLVED-

That the current position with regard to Level 3 Funding be noted.

22 Committee's Work Programme

The Committee reviewed their work programme agreed at the commencement of the year and the progress that had been made to date. The Committee looked at the future issues and discussed how they wished to progress.

RESOLVED-

That the Committee examine the issue of Volunteering at their meeting last meeting in March together with a review of the years progress and final recommendations.

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....