

REPORT OF THE PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.

Councillor Naushad Surve

COORDINATING

DIRECTOR: Denise Park

Homelessness

The Committee met on 10th December and looked at the recommendations of the homelessness task group. The Executive Member attended the meeting, responded to the recommendations and outlined the current position and the actions the Council was taking. The Manager of Shelter attended the meeting to assist the Committee in their understanding of the issues and the problems from a user perspective. The Executive Member will now take the recommendations and formally respond in a report to the Executive Board.

Street Sleeping and Begging.

The Committee were updated on the current situation within the borough on street sleeping and begging. The Committee were informed of the interventions that were taking place to reduce the incidence of begging and street sleeping. The Committee will be kept up to date on the issues for the remainder of the municipal year.

Recycling

The Committee agreed that the next topic that they would look at would be the issues relating to recycling and the reasons for the drop in recycling rates resulting in more waste to going to landfill. They will look at how the Executive is looking to address this and in particular how the new contract will shape recycling in the borough in the future and residents' involvement in recycling. A task group will meet early in the New Year and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee want to look at the following-

- What do we recycle, how, where, processes and procedures etc.
- Present collection rates.
- Community engagement and education.
- Rates of other comparable authorities.
- The problems that we are experiencing at present and the work we have undertaken to stop this.
- Cost of recycling and the cost of landfill
- Tender specification
- Timescale and timeline for the tender
- Tender Evaluation weightings

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Chair of the Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee.