



Environment and
Services Scrutiny
Committee

6 March 2017

2.00 pm

Item

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**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2017
2.00 - 3.15 PM**

Responsible Officer: Tim Ward
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Present

Councillor Vince Hunt (Chairman), Councillors Keith Roberts (Vice Chairman), Ted Clarke, Nigel Hartin, Roger Hughes, Christian Lea, Pamela Moseley, Vivienne Parry and Arthur Walpole

46 Apologies for absence and substitutions

46.1 Apologies were received from Councillor Dean Carroll

47 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

47.1 There were no declarations made

48 Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2017

48.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 2016 had been circulated.

48.2 RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Services Scrutiny Committee held on 28 November 2016 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

49 Public Question Time

49.1 There were no questions from members of the public

50 Member Question Time

50.1 Councillor Viv Parry raised the case of a block of flats in her ward where they had nowhere to store the bins and asked what could be done. She also made

reference to the removal of the recycling bank and expressed concern that this could lead to more fly tipping.

- 50.2 The Waste Contracts Manager advised her that individual solutions could be found for blocks of flats as had been the case with other flats in the county, and asked her to advise the flat owners to liaise directly with the Council with regards to solving the problem.
- 50.3 The Waste Contracts Manager advised her that the tetrapak recycling banks are funded by the companies that makes the containers and that it is very expensive to recycle them. He added that there were no plans to remove these recycling banks at the moment but that this is under monthly review by the manufacturers and that there is a risk that they may be removed in the future.

51 Update on the X75 Bus Service

- 51.1 The Transport Commissioning Group Manager updated the meeting on the X75 bus service. He advised the meeting that a user survey had been carried out which showed that peak journeys were at 8.30am and 5.00pm. He added that he had attended a meeting with officers from Powys County Council (PCC), which had been very productive and that PCC would be developing a proposal regarding the ongoing funding contribution that would be required from Shropshire Council. He informed Members that he would be assisting Officers in obtaining the Bus Service Operators Grant in relation to the portion of the route in Powys. The Transport Commissioning Group Manager agreed to update the local Members on progress with the service, and to provide the committee with a further update at a future meeting.
- 51.2 A Member made reference to the bus service in Ludlow and commented that often there were two busses following each other around the town. She asked how this could be fed into the current consultation. The Transport Commissioning Group Manager advised the meeting that the current Bus Strategy Consultation was looking at the principles of funding the service and would not be looking at individual services, and that where there were changes to services proposed in the future a separate consultation would be held. He added that with regard to the busses in Ludlow he was happy to speak to the service providers.
- 51.3 A Member commented that he had been unable to complete the consultation as it required you to be a bus user. The Transport Commissioning Group Manager agreed to look at this.

52 The changing role and focus of the Community Enablement Team

- 52.1 The meeting received the report of the Locality Commissioning Manager which updated Members on the changing role and focus of the Community Enablement Team. She highlighted the existing core work of the team and outlined the new externally funded commercial activity which would be undertaken to achieve the required budgetary savings.

52.2 A number of Members paid tribute to the good work carried out by their Community Enablement Officers and the vital role that they played in their communities. A Member expressed concern that the additional commercial activity may impinge on the core activity of the team.

53.3 A Member welcomed the approach that was being adopted but commented that he was less sure of the underlying business need as there was a lack of information in the report. The Director of Place and Enterprise advised the meeting that Officers were developing an Action Plan to support the Business Plan and suggested this could be brought back at a future meeting.

53.4 The Chair thanked the Locality Commissioning Manager for her report.

53 Date/Time of next meeting

53.1 Members were advised that the next meeting of the Environment and Services Scrutiny Committee would be held on Monday 6 March 2016 at 2.00pm