

ENVIRONMENT POLICY ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting - 18 February 2015

Present: Mr Naylor (Chairman)
Mr Bradford, Mr Clark, Miss Hazell, Mrs Plant, Mrs Royston and
Mr Walters MBE

Apologies for absence: Mrs Wallis

25. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the PAG held on 3 December 2015 were received.

26. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

27. WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING GUIDANCE REPORT

The PAG received a report explaining that there have been instances in the past where new developments have been completed but the inadequate provision for waste storage and collection had resulted in access and collection issues, placing additional strain on collection resources.

The report went on to set out a proposal for the document "Waste Management Design Guide" currently only used by the Environment Team to be made available to the Development Management Team and prospective applicants so that due regard is given to waste storage and collection arrangements when preparing applications.

The PAG, after noting the benefits of making waste planning guidance available to both the Development Management Team and prospective applicants/developers, considered the options as set out in paragraph 4.2 of the report on ways in which this could be achieved and indicated its support of Option 3 of producing a Guidance Note a draft copy of which was attached as an Appendix.

Having considered the advice of the PAG the Portfolio Holder has **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Cabinet that the Waste Management Design Guide attached to the report be adopted and made available on the website.

28. BEACONSFIELD OLD TOWN COMMON LAND - LICENCES FOR USE OF COMMON LAND

The PAG considered a report explaining that the common land in Beaconsfield is managed by the Council on behalf of the owners, Hall Barn Estates and Bucks County Council in accordance with Bylaws for the common land set out under the Commons Act 1899. Under the Scheme of Management the Council shall maintain the Common free from all encroachments and shall not permit any trespass on or partial enclosure thereof or on any part thereof.

As a result of a number of issues, including encroachments, the report set out a proposed approach for controlling the use of the common land by the issuing of licences.

The PAG, whilst recognising the need for a protocol, supported the proposed approach on the understanding that the controls were not overly bureaucratic and resource intensive to implement.

The Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Cabinet that the proposed approach as set out in the report be pursued, having regard to the comments made by the PAG, and a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the PAG and Cabinet.

29. PROVISION OF CADDY LINERS TO FLATS

Following the request made at the meeting on 14 June 2014, the PAG revisited via a report the issue of providing caddy liners to residents living in flats. The report set out the advantages and disadvantages of the Council continuing to provide caddy liners to flats including the costs which equated to between £8,000 and £14,280 per year.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, which supported the proposal not to continue to provide caddy liners, the Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Cabinet that the following approach as set out in paragraph 4.9 of the report be adopted::

- Flats are not automatically provided with a further supply of liners
- Property Managers are encouraged to purchase a supply to be made available to their residents. They can be given contact details to purchase direct from the supplier which will significantly reduce costs for residents compared to buying from supermarkets etc.
- A small stock of liners is kept available to use in extenuating circumstances i.e. in very poorly performing sites where a re-launch of the service is required. And also for Reception to sell, this can be replenished as and when necessary using existing budgets.
- From time to time the Waste Team may need to promote communal food waste collections, for example in low performing areas, in which case liners may be provided as an incentive but the budget for this can be built into the specific project (for example one pallet costs £2,284.80).

30. WASTE REGULATIONS COMPLIANCE REPORT

The revised EU Waste Framework Directive came into force on 12 December 2008 and was transcribed into the Waste England and Wales Regulations 2011 (as amended) which came into force on 29th March 2011. One Regulation, number 13, was later amended and came into force on 1st October 2012.

Regulation 13 places a duty on all organisations involved in waste collections (not just Councils) to maintain high quality recycling by collecting paper, metal, plastic and glass separately from 1st January 2015.

The PAG received a report explaining that Regulation 12 required waste collectors such as South Bucks to demonstrate that they have taken all reasonable measures to move the management of all wastes they collect up the waste hierarchy as shown in paragraph 3.5 of

Environment Policy Advisory Group - 18 February 2015

the report which also explained that a TEEP (Technically, Environmentally and Economically Practical) assessment had been carried out demonstrating the Council's compliance with Regulations 12 and 13.

RESOLVED - that the TEEP assessment be noted.

The meeting terminated at 7.20 pm