

Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Streetscene

Thursday, 25 September 2008

Present: Councillor Adrian Lowe (Chair) and Councillors Julia Berry, Doreen Dickinson, June Molyneaux, Shaun Smith, Joyce Snape and Peter Wilson

08.16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Terry Brown (due to Council business), Pat Haughton, Debra Platt and Stella Walsh.

08.17 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

No Members declared an interest in respect of items on the agenda.

08.18 MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group – Streetscene held on 1 September 2008.

It was reported to the Task Group that the up to date maintenance schedules that had been requested would be circulated to Members as soon as they become available.

08.19 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members of the public.

08.20 CONSIDERATION OF EVIDENCE

As a fact finding exercise Members had been invited to visit the Bengal Street Depot to see a demonstration of the machinery used as well as meet the staff and possibly go out as one of the litter collections or street sweeping routes.

One of the Group Members went out on a litter collection scheduled route and welcomed the information that was provided. However, it was observed that the operative had a set route and had driven passed bins that were full and did not collect from them. It was explained that this should not have been the case. There was a need to improve communication with the operatives and a need to review the schedules to avoid this happening.

Members received before the meeting a viewing of the types of litter bins that were available to the Council and an explanation was given to their suitable locality.

08.21 THE WAY FORWARD

There was a need to obtain additional evidence from the companies that provide the Council with litter bins to explain their build quality and their cost.

As more people are recycling there was a need to look at other recycling sites of the type that exists in Withnell Fold and perhaps extend them across the authority.

The current round of ward walks was providing useful evidence and some information would be fed into the inquiry.

Other people that could provide evidence are Lancashire County Council, Parish Councils and members of staff from the Waste Management Team and Streetscene. These people would be attending future meetings.

Chair