

09.EC.40 Executive's response to Overview and Scrutiny Inquiry into Streetscene issues

Following the Executive Cabinet's receipt at its meeting on 8 January 2009 of the findings and recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group on its inquiry into the activities of the Streetscene Section of the Neighbourhoods Directorate, the Corporate Director (Neighbourhoods) submitted a report on a suggested response to the inquiry report.

The Corporate Director's report reminded Members of the Transformation Action Plan developed in response to the recent Value for Money review of the Directorate. The Action Plan contained a number of processes which would support the implementation of the Overview and Scrutiny report, through, for example, the formulation of schedules for the cleaning and emptying of litter bins; and the mapping and numbering of assets (including litter bin locations) on the Geographical Information System.

In addition, the operational teams within the Streetscene function were being re-aligned to support the new Neighbourhood Working agenda. The teams would be reviewing the current operations for all streetscene activities (including mowing, litter collection and street sweeping) with the aim of establishing more efficient and effective arrangements for each neighbourhood area.

The Corporate Director's report outlined each of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group's 25 specific recommendations and contained a suggested response to each recommendation which referred to the appropriate action that had been, or would be, instigated under the Transformation Action Plan.

Decisions made:

- (1) That the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group having conducted the inquiry into Streetscene issues, as outlined in the submitted report, be received and endorsed.
- (2) That the Executive Cabinet's thanks to the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group for its inquiry report be placed on record.

Reason for decision:

To ensure the delivery and implementation of the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group.

Alternative option(s) considered and rejected:

None.