

Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Streetscene

Tuesday, 28 October 2008

Present: Councillor Adrian Lowe (Chair) and Councillors Julia Berry, Doreen Dickinson, Pat Haughton, Debra Platt, Stella Walsh and Peter Wilson

Also in attendance: Councillors Ishbel Murray (Corporate Director (Neighbourhoods)), Keith Allen (Streetscene Manager) and Gordon Bankes (Democratic Services Officer)

08.27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors June Molyneaux, Shaun Smith and Joyce Snape.

08.28 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS

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

08.29 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions from members of the public.

08.30 MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group – Streetscene held on 21 October were confirmed as a correct record for signature by the Chair.

08.31 COLLECTION AND CONSIDERATION OF EVIDENCE

The Task Group considered further evidence for the Streetscene Inquiry relating to the consultation with the Parish Councils.

Responses had been received from some of the Parish Councils following a request made to them for their experiences of the Streetscene service satisfaction/dissatisfaction and whether they wished to make the Inquiry aware of any issues.

The response received confirmed much of the findings of the Group and highlighted areas which the Inquiry will consider.

The Group considered the merits of the Parish Council providing lengthsman as it was identified that it was those Parishes that did not have a litter problem that had a lengthsman. Some Parishes felt that they would benefit from having a resident lengthsman who may be able to address some of the litter issues.

A suggestion was put forward that those Parish Councils that did have a lengthsman could assist those Parish Councils without one. Also a suggestion for a support package to give advice. This would have to be a separate piece of work.

The Task Group received a briefing paper outlining the Lancashire County Council's role in streetscene and waste as well as our relationship with the County Council.

From the streetscene point of view under the Remedial Highways Agreement (RHA) Chorley cut the County Council's verges in urban areas and County make a historically agreed contribution of £32,400 to cover cutting the grass to their more basic specification.

Similarly the County Council contributes £10,200 to weed treatment annually.

The Chorley Council clean the streets in accordance with our statutory duty and the County again make a historically agreed contribution of £10,600 to clear leaves from highways etc.

The Task Group also received a document published by a Glasdon company that produces litter bins and focusing on case studies and their solutions to various litter issues.

Chair