



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE, SAFETY AND GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 18th JANUARY 2023

PRESENT: Councillor S Goodall (Chair), Councillors M Cook, J Harper, B Price, R Rogers and A Cooper

CABINET: Councillor Jeremy Oates

The following officers were present: Andrew Barratt (Chief Executive), Anna Miller (Assistant Director – Growth & Regeneration), Alice Poulton (Future High Streets Fund Project Officer), Nigel Harris (General Manager, Joint Waste Service), Victoria Woodhouse (Customer Relations and Performance Manager, Joint Waste Service) and Jo Hutchison (Senior Scrutiny and Democratic Services Officer)

Apologies received from: Councillor(s) D Maycock, S People and P Turner

76 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Maycock, P Turner and S People. Councillor A Cooper attended as Councillor D Maycock's substitute.

Councillor S Doyle, Portfolio Holder for Skills, Planning Economy and Waste had sent his apologies for the item on the Dual Stream (recycling service) update.

77 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor P Turner be elected as vice-chair.

(Moved by Councillor A Cooper and seconded by Councillor R Rogers)

78 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2022 were approved as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor J Harper and seconded by Councillor B Price)

79 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

80 UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

There was no update from the Chair.

81 RESPONSES TO REPORTS OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY & GROWTH COMMITTEE

The Chair reported that following the meeting of this Committee on 22 November 2022, he took the Committee's recommendation on the Transport Integration Update item to Cabinet and Cabinet supported the recommendation and agreed to task relevant Officers to liaise with the partner organisations to identify any funding sources for the development of additional public transport links within the Borough. Cabinet agreed a further recommendation in respect of which the Leader of the Council confirmed he would liaise with the relevant County Councillors to progress.

82 CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REFERRED TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY & GROWTH COMMITTEE FROM CABINET OR COUNCIL

None.

83 RENEWAL OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER ACCESS ROAD TO DOSTHILL HALL

The Assistant Director, Partnerships attended the meeting to present to the Committee a report recommending the extension of the Public Space Protection Order on the access road to Dosthill Hall and to support delegation to the Portfolio Holder for implementation.

RESOLVED that delegation to the Portfolio Holder, Voluntary Sector, Town Centre, Evening Economy and Community Safety for the extension of the of the Dosthill Park Public Space Protection Order (as attached as Appendix 1 to the Report) be approved.

(Moved by Councillor J Harper and seconded by Councillor B Price)

84 FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND QUARTERLY UPDATE

The Chair welcomed the Leader of the Council, Councillor J Oates and the Assistant Director, Growth & Regeneration, Ms A Miller and the Future High Street Funds Project Officer, Ms A Poulton to the meeting to present the quarterly progress report to the Committee.

Councillor M Cook joined the meeting at 6.12pm.

The Leader introduced the report and reminded members that work on this project had started in late 2018, and that significant work had been done. It was reported that the project had progressed well since the last quarterly update; including demolition work on old Co-op retail store site, with the tenders for the main contractor for the Flex, Middle Entry improvements, Enterprise Centre and Peel Café underway, and on the Market Street Properties and Castle Bridge designs.

It was reported that:

1. Liaison with the Council's Arts & Events team was underway to understand any interactions between any FHSF works with any planned events. The current timetable expected the works to widen the Castle Bridge to be undertaken between September and November.
2. There was careful monitoring of the budgets and timelines to deliver the project within the cost envelope.
3. There were monthly meetings of the Programme Board providing updates on progress against key milestones.
4. A preferred contractor had been identified for the tendered works to refurbish the Enterprise Centre, to demolish and rebuild the Flex space and for the renovation of the Peel café and an inception meeting was expected in January 2023. This tender provided for the potential for this contractor to deliver further works, or alternatively for there to be flexibility to procure from elsewhere.

The Committee sought and received the following clarifications:

1. The Committee sought a more detailed overview of the timelines for delivery of each area of the works, including the works related to Peel Café, the Flex space and the Castle Bridge. The Assistant Director reported that the programme was under discussion with the contractor and that a programme chart would be provided as part of the next update to the Committee expected in June 2023.
2. The use of time lapse camera footage and the sharing of this more widely, where it was reported that the cameras were in place and would be shared.
3. The Committee requested that where possible the works were programmed to avoid clashes with any key events in the town and that communications over the expected work and interactions for planned events and more generally on the town centre, be made early so that residents would be able to plan. The Leader confirmed that early communication was important as well as ensuring that key messages were repeated closer to events.
4. Whether any consideration had been given to designating any of the Market Street properties as a heritage asset to assist in any funding applications. It was reported that these three units were Grade II listed and that the project included funding works related to these relevant Market Street properties that were within the scope of the project.
5. Whether the forecasted costs associated with the project had increased since the previous quarterly update, noting that the report included

reference to a contingency fund of c£2million with construction costs forecasted to be higher by a similar figure due to inflation. It was reported that whilst the forecasted costs had not significantly changed since the previous quarter's report, this could change, however, the project continued to refine designs to deliver an affordable scheme and to mitigate these risks.

The Committee thanked the Officers for their work and for the report.

RESOLVED that the Report be endorsed

(Moved by Councillor S Goodall and seconded by Councillor B Price)

The Officers and Leader left the meeting.

85 DUAL STREAM (RECYCLING SERVICE) UPDATE

The Chair welcomed the Chief Executive, Mr Andrew Barratt, the General Manager of the Joint Waste Service, Mr Nigel Harris, and the Customer Relations and Performance Manager of the Joint Waste Service, Ms Victoria Woodhouse to this meeting. The Chair noted that the Portfolio Holder for Skills, Planning, Economy and Waste, Councillor Doyle had sent his apologies.

The Chief Executive provided an overview of the Implementation review report and the key learnings from the implementation phase.

The General Manager provided an overview of the quarterly performance report including the additional data previously requested by the Committee.

The Committee commented and sought clarifications in the following areas:

1. The improved data and its graphical presentation was welcomed by the Committee, which requested that data for pre-COVID years be also included in future updates to aid comparisons and trends. The General manager agreed that this could be provided going forwards.
2. Data on a route basis was also requested, where the General manager reported that it could be possible to provide further breakdowns in the data, and he agreed to bring forward some suggested breakdowns to the next meeting. He reported that the service did have the data for where bins were not presented to the kerbside for collection.
3. Whether there was data which could be presented to show climate change impacts of the service, in terms of loads rejected and more broadly. The General manager reported that currently the service did not have the data for the climate impact of the whole life cycle of waste, and was waiting to see how the national picture develops in terms of waste metrics. He reported that it could be possible to start to look at the potential decarbonisation of the trucks in future meetings.
4. How the service was communicating the availability of replacement or additional blue bags where it was reported that once replacement stock of blue bags had been sourced, it would be possible to more proactively

communicate the availability of additional blue bags. Furthermore, during the Christmas campaign there had been communication of the availability of additional blue bags, however this remained an area where there could be further communication. The importance of ensuring that there was sufficient stocks of blue bags available for residents was reinforced by the Committee and assurance was received from the Chief Executive in this regard.

5. How the service was communicating to residents that any surplus blue bins could be collected by the service, where the General manager reported that this was being communicated, but that there had not been a significant take up by residents.

The Committee thanked the Officers for the report and the data included and the performance by the service.

RESOLVED that both reports be endorsed.

(Moved by Councillor S Goodall and seconded by Councillor B Price)

The Officers left the meeting.

86 FORWARD PLAN

No further items were identified from the Forward Plan.

87 WORKING GROUP UPDATES

There were no further updates on the current working groups.

88 INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY & GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

The Committee considered its work plan and added the following items as set out in the work plan below:

- Staffordshire Sustainability Board Update, to include an update on EV Charging in council car park
- Committee Annual Report (draft)
- Castle Grounds Festival
- Assembly Rooms

Infrastructure, Safety and Growth Scrutiny Work Plan

Work Plan	
DATE	SUBJECT
23 March 2023	Tamworth Community Safety Partnership Plan 2023-2026
23 March 2023	Town Hall
23 March 2023	Staffordshire Sustainability Board Update, to include an update on EV Charging in council car park
23 March 2023	Committee Annual Report (draft)
xxx	Castle Grounds Festival
X June 2023	Dual Stream (recycling service) quarterly update
August / September 2023	PSPO (Tamworth Dog Control)
Quarterly updates	Future High Street Fund
Quarterly updates	Dual Stream (recycling service) updates
Quarterly	Reset & Recovery updates
Date to be confirmed	Council Housing Repairs Policy
Date to be confirmed	Review of policy / engagement with stakeholders relating to migrant travelling community
Date to be confirmed	Fire Safety Update
Date to be confirmed	Review of Taxi Licensing Policy – Points System
Date to be confirmed	CCTV update
Date to be confirmed	Assembly Rooms

Working Groups		
Topic	Possible WG Members	Target IS&G Com meeting date
Review of policy / engagement relating to migrant travelling community		
Facilities for HGV Drivers in Tamworth	Cllrs B Price (WG chair) Cllrs S Daniels and M Cook	

Upcoming Infrastructure, Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee Meetings
Meeting dates: 23 March 2023

Chair