



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 21st September, 2017

PORTFOLIO HOLDER – ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

24th July 2017

PRESENT: Councillor Watson (in the Chair)

Officers in attendance:

Angela Blake	Director of Economy and Growth
Angela Culleton	Interim Director of Environment
Laura Cowie	Committee and Scrutiny Advisor
Mark Scarr	Deputy Head of Highways and Transport – Engie

Others in attendance:

Councillor Brookes – Ward Councillor and Lead Petitioner

PH.EE.5 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests in respect of items on the agenda.

PH.EE.6 **PETITION – MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE FOR PUBLIC GRASSED AREAS IN CLEETHORPES**

The Portfolio Holder received a petition regarding the maintenance schedule of public grassed areas in Cleethorpes.

The Portfolio Holder invited Councillor Brookes as Lead Petitioner to present the petition. Councillor Brookes presented the following issues and concerns on behalf of residents:

- Long grass on roadsides, verges and open spaces was not a good first impression or entrance on the way into the resort.

- Due to the grass being long on open spaces, dog fouling had increased and children had been returning home covered in excrement due to it not being picked up or seen.
- One resident had been stung with a large vets bill due to ticks from their pet being in the long grass.
- Hedges were growing over on to footpaths causing scrapes and injuries to passers-by. Residents were willing to keep hedges trimmed back and some verges cut to assist but were told they would have to dispose of the cuttings themselves.

The Portfolio Holder welcomed the petition and acknowledged that a number of these issues had been discussed at Council and were currently ongoing through Scrutiny.

Mrs Culleton advised that with regard to the cutting of grass verges a transitional period had been in place due to ground maintenance rotas being under review and this resulted in some areas going longer than others between cuts. All rounds had now caught up, but Mrs Culleton was happy for the issue of rotas and frequency to be referred to the Smarter Neighbourhoods Working Group for further consideration.

With regards to residents cutting verges and hedges, Mrs Culleton agreed to review this and look into the cuttings being collected as she believed residents shouldn't be left out of pocket but confirmed free bins would not be provided.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the petition be received.
- (2) That the comments be noted and the Interim Director of Environment ensure the issues on ground maintenance rotas and hedge cuttings be referred to the Smarter Neighbourhoods Working Group for review.

PH.EE.7

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CAPITAL PROGRAMME – QUARTER 4 MEMBERS UPDATE

The Portfolio Holder considered a report setting out a summary of the Local Transport Plan capital programme 2016/17.

RESOLVED – That the Local Transport Plan Quarter 4 Members Update be approved for circulation to all Members for their information.

TRACKING

The Portfolio Holder considered a report tracking the recommendations of previous meetings.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That in relation to DNPH.EE.43 (Petition on Edward Street – Resident Parking Scheme), it be noted that there had been no further progress. Ward councillors were aware of the situation and it had been left with them to identify a suitable solution with residents that was in accordance with the Residents Parking Policy.
- (2) That in relation to DNPH.EE.47 (Petition for road safety near Church of England School, Stallingborough) and DNPH.ET.16 (Petition for pedestrian crossing, Station Road, Stallingborough), it be noted that the Parish Council had been informed that a crossing would be investigated and, if it was feasible, it would not be implemented until 2018/19. With regards to road safety, consultation had been undertaken with the Parish Council regarding the proposed waiting restrictions. These would be implemented under an experimental Traffic Regulations Order and letters had been sent to Ward Councillors and residents week commencing 17th July 2017 to inform.
- (3) That in relation to DNPH.EE.2 (Petition for a pedestrian crossing opposite Franklin College, Grimsby), it be noted that it was currently being investigated by the Road Safety Engineer in consultation with Humberside Police and proposals would be presented to the Portfolio Holder at a later date.
- (4) That in relation to DPH.EE.3 (Petition to repave the path – Weelsby Street, Grimsby) it be noted that an appeal had been lodged with the Democratic Services Team and the petition was to be discussed at the next available Economy Scrutiny Panel.

There being no further business, the Portfolio Holder closed the meeting at 10.43 a.m.