



CABINET WORKING PARTY – ENVIRONMENTAL STREET SCENE AND ENFORCEMENT

28th July 2025 at 10.00am

Present: Councillors Aisthorpe, Bright, Hudson, Shepherd and Shutt.

Officers in attendance:

- Jade Hassan (Environmental Health and Housing Manager)
- Dee Hitter (Head of Regulation and Sustainability)
- Kath Jickells (Assistant Director – Environment)
- Beverly O'Brien (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

SSE.6 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was no apology of absence received for this meeting.

SSE.7 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests made from Members with regard to items on the agenda for this meeting.

SSE.8 REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PREVIOUS ENFORCEMENT WORKING GROUPS

The working party reviewed the recommendations from previous enforcement working groups. Members asked for clarification around emergency traffic regulation orders, CCTV, customer portal and the use of the find my street app. Officers present were able to answer Members queries.

One member thought it would be useful if all Councillors received Ward based street scene activity on a regular basis. Ms Jickells explained that monitoring progress by wards was currently a work in progress. The team

transformation is being supported corporately with a number of priority workstreams currently ongoing. Ms Hitter reassured members that the scheme was evolving. Members wondered when they would have the capacity to do more. Ms Hitter stated that they were currently going through a service review and a change management business case was to be received by Leadership Team for approval. Once this was in place, it would allow them to build a bigger team and gain more capacity.

The Chair had concerns that the recommendations included from the Street Scene Select Committee had not gone forward. She stated that a lot of the recommendations covered the issues they were still having. She wondered if an update on these recommendations could be provided for 2025 and also identify what was doing better because of these recommendation. Ms Jickells confirmed that this would be part of the theme for the next meeting on the Street Scene offer.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

SSE.9 A TRANSFORMATION PLAN COVERING 2025/26

The working party received a report on the transformation plan following Equans services being brought back into the Council.

Members had concerns over the capacity of workers. Ms Jickells explained that there was a national shortages of staff in this area. Historically they have employed people with transferable skills, but this requires the right training and support to be in place to ensure the team can deliver on Council priorities.

The Working Party also had queries around planning and highway enforcement and where it would sit. Planning enforcement will remain within the planning team, whereas non-technical highway enforcement will sit within the Environmental Health and Housing team. Ms Hassan informed members that she is reviewing current processes with the Transformation Team to see how the different elements will work.

The Chair thought it would be useful if they could track the progress of this transformation plan. Ms Hitter stated that she would do an overview of projects happening to allow members to have a better view of what was happening and when.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 12.06 p.m.