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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 June 2013 – 6.30 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor Stone (in the Chair); Councillors Castle, M Coleman, Collins, Fairhead, Field, Hacon, Hanton, Marsden, Shrimplin, J Smith and Wright.

Rob Gregory (Group Manager Neighbourhood and Communities), Mr S Mutton (Environmental Services Manager), Mr R Hodds (Cabinet Secretary) and Mrs K Smith (Senior Member Services Officer).

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 April 2013 were confirmed.

2. SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE – BUS REVIEW

The Environmental Services Manager reported that he had been asked to look at two areas namely the cleanliness of the bus shelter and the pigeon droppings. He reported that he had spoken to Clear Channel and that they had stated that they clean the shelters every 14 days however they would not be cleaning all town centre sites every 7 days and would be converting their vans to have water tanks and brushes so that they could clean the shelters. He reported on the anti pigeon roosting measures which would cost £8,000, he already had £6,000 and Jeremy Wiggan at Norfolk County Council had offered to pay the difference and that GYB Services had agreed to cover the cost of Jet cleaning the bus station so the manager of Market Gates would now be ordering the spikes. The Committee were also informed that the Clear Channel Contract was due to expire in the near future and that the cleaning regime would now be included in the new contract.

The Group Manager (Neighbourhoods and Communities) reported that the Culture, Sport and Leisure Manager had visited the bus station site along with the Senior Member Services Officer to consider the possibility of displaying the Silent Hobo mural hoardings at the site. The hoardings had previously been displayed around the St Georges Chapel during the renovations works. The area highlighted for artwork under Market Gates would require 13 of the mural boards. Seachange Arts has estimated the costing for the transportation, installation and display as £1950 without insurance. It was agreed that it may reduce costs to use GYB Services van for transporting and then for installing.

RESOLVED:

That Jeremy Wiggan and Rob Gregory be requested to provide an update at the July meeting.

3. OUTSIDE BODIES

The Committee considered reports on the following outside bodies:-

- Norfolk Waste Partnership - noted
- Norfolk and Suffolk Energy Alliance - noted
- British Resort's Association - this item was deferred.

RESOLVED:

That the Scrutiny Committee note and accept the above Outside Bodies reports.

4. WORK PROGRAMME

The Cabinet Secretary stated that the Ward Councillors Role would be included on the Work Programme.

Concern was expressed at the amount of items on the work programme as it was felt that more work could be achieved with less items.

A Member asked if the Vauxhall Bridge Project could be added to the work programme.

It was pointed out that there were three main topics on the Work Programme for reviewing namely the Management Structure, Senior Management Performance and Efficiency Support Grant and that these may take some time to carry out.

It was agreed that the following items would be removed from the work programme:-

- Outside Bodies
- Night Time Economy
- PIP's

RESOLVED:

That the Scrutiny Committee note the Work Programme and that the Cabinet Secretary together with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman agree the dates for each of the Work Programme items and to discuss the review items with the relevant officers/members.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, 18 July 2013 at 6.30 pm.

6. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 7.10 pm.