

Environment Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, 12 April 2017 at 18:30

Present :

Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Annison, Bensly, Fairhead, Grant, Hanton, Pratt, Waters-Bunn and Wright.

Also in attendance were :-

Mrs J Beck (Director of Customer Services), Mr G Buck (Group Manager, Environmental Health), Mr R Hodds (Corporate Governance Manager) and Ms N Holden (Director GYB Services).

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Hacon.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest declared at the meeting.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 1 March 2017 were confirmed.

4 MATTERS ARISING

The Director of Customer Services reported that with regard to the issue in

respect of St George's Park lighting a Business Case was currently being prepared and would be considered by the Committee at its next meeting.

5 FORWARD PLAN

The Committee received the Forward plan for the Environment Committee.

Members agreed to add the following items to the Forward Plan :-

- Review of Waste Collection and Air Quality review
- St George's Park lighting - Business Case.

6 CAPITAL PROJECTS - PUBLIC CONVENIENCE REFURBISHMENT 2017-18

The Committee was reminded that a rolling programme of Public Convenience refurbishments had commenced in 2016/17. Members now considered the Director of Customer Services report which outlined the works undertaken to date and identified options for consideration for the 2017/18 financial year.

RESOLVED :

(1) That approval be given to the two locations for refurbishment in the 2017/18 Capital Budget as follows :-

- The Conge, Great Yarmouth
- Pier Head, Gorleston

(2) To approve the commencement of a footfall audit for the Public Conveniences at Market Gates to inform a future report on continued usage.

(3) That approval be given to the provision of an additional fully operational "changing places" facility based on location, accessibility and security at Pier Head, Gorleston.

7 CLEANSING OF MAIN ROADS - UPDATE

The Committee considered the Group Manager (Environmental Services) report which updated Members on the review of the methods employed by GYB services with respect to highway cleansing.

The Group Manager reported that he had received a response from Highways England who had stated that contractors Kier had been appointed and were now willing to discuss highway cleansing issues. He also reported on a document received from the Government entitled "Litter Strategy for England"

and he recommended that a report on this matter be considered at the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

(1) That the Group Manager (Environmental Services) report on the cleansing of main roads be noted.

(2) That the Group Manager (Environmental Services) be asked to report to the next meeting on the Government's document entitled "Litter Strategy for England".

8 REVIEW OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY GYB SERVICES

The Committee considered the joint report of the Director of Customer Services and the Managing Director, GYB Services with regard to the review of services provided by GYB Services relating to grass cutting, street cleansing and refuse collection.

With regard to grass cutting, Members commented on the current spraying that had taken place and on the need for this particular service to be more strictly supervised in the future.

RESOLVED :

That the report be noted.

9 GREAT YARMOUTH BOROUGH SERVICES BUSINESS PLAN 2017-18

(Confidential Minute on this Item)

The meeting ended at: 19:18