

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

STREET SCENE AND ENVIRONMENT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, 5th October, 2020

Present: Cllr M O Davis (Chairman), Cllr Mrs S Bell (Vice-Chairman), Cllr G C Bridge, Cllr D J Cooper, Cllr D A S Davis, Cllr M A J Hood, Cllr F A Hoskins, Cllr D Keers, Cllr Mrs C B Langridge, Cllr R V Roud, Cllr J L Sergison, Cllr T B Shaw and Cllr Miss G E Thomas

Councillors Mrs J A Anderson, Mrs P A Bates, R P Betts, M D Boughton, V M C Branson, R I B Cannon, A E Clark, M A Coffin, N J Heslop, S A Hudson, D W King, K King, D Lettington, P J Montague, Mrs A S Oakley, W E Palmer, M R Rhodes and H S Rogers were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor S M Hammond

PART 1 - PUBLIC

SSE 20/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

SSE 20/13 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the notes of the meeting of the Street Scene and Environment Services Advisory Board held on 5 March 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET

SSE 20/14 STREET SCENE, WASTE AND PARKING - RESPONSE TO COVID 19

Decision Notice D200064MEM

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services provided updates on progress with the themes/activities identified within the Street Scene, Waste and Parking section of the approved First Year Addendum to the Council's Corporate Strategy. This included updates within Street Scene and Waste on service performance, the roll out of the new service arrangements to flats/communal areas, the reintroduction of the weekend bulky collection service, subscriptions for garden waste and the transfer of public conveniences to Parish Councils. Additionally, updates were provided on the timescales for the introduction of new car parking charges,

consultation on parking charges in Aylesford and Martin Square car parks and for the potential introduction of digital payment options to car parks.

RECOMMENDED: That:

- (1) the update to the approved First Year Addendum to the Council's Corporate Strategy be noted;
- (2) the reintroduction of the Weekend Bulky Waste Collection (Saturday Freighter Service) be considered following the completion of a full health and safety assessment and receipt of reassurance that appropriate measures can be implemented to ensure the safety of those using and operating it;
- (3) the trial/pilot roll-out of the new service arrangements for flats and communal properties takes place in a designated area of Tonbridge in January 2021, with the intention to roll it out across the rest of the Borough in March/April/May 2021; and
- (4) the reduction of Bring Bank/Recycling sites across the Borough be commenced prior to the new service provision being rolled out to the flats and communal properties.

SSE 20/15 CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY

The report of the Chief Executive provided an update on the Draft Climate Change Strategy and Year 1 Action Plan in light of the responses to the public consultation undertaken between 1 March and 30 June 2020. The report highlighted the key themes and concerns identified by the respondents and details of revisions made to the Climate Change Strategy 2020-2030 and the Year 1 Action Plan were set out at Annexes 2 and 3 to the report.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the revised Climate Change Strategy, as set out at Annex 2 to the report, be adopted;
- (2) the Year 1 Climate Change Action Plan, as set out at Annex 3 to the report, be adopted; and
- (3) options for the establishment of a Climate Change Forum, to provide a mechanism for engagement with key stakeholders and interested parties, be explored and reported to a future meeting of the Street Scene and Environment Services Advisory Board.

***Referred to Cabinet**

SSE 20/16 OFF-STREET CAR PARKING CHARGES

The joint report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services and the Director of Finance and transformation provided an update on the current position and proposed timescale for the implementation of proposed changes to off-street car parking charges. Particular reference was made to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on traffic patterns and parking habits and to the delay in undertaking car park usage and customer surveys.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the revised off-street parking fees and charges as previously agreed by the Street Scene and Environment Services Advisory Board (as set out at Annex 1 to this report) be progressed to come into effect from 4 April 2021 in line with all relevant legislation; and
- (2) a survey to ascertain user profiles and duration of stay at the Martin Square and Aylesford car parks be undertaken at a point in time when it is deemed the parking has returned to some level of normality following the Covid-19 pandemic.

***Referred to Cabinet**

SSE 20/17 DRAFT UPDATED AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN

Decision Notice D200065MEM

The report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health provided an updated Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) for the six Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) within the Borough. The AQAP outlined actions to be taken to reduce concentrations of pollutants within the AQMAs so that, eventually, these could be revoked. The actions identified within the AQAP would also be used to tackle Nitrogen Dioxide across the Borough as a whole.

RECOMMENDED: That the Draft Amended Air Quality Action Plan, as set out at Annex 2 to the report, be endorsed and the wider statutory consultation be undertaken.

SSE 20/18 EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING ALLINGTON INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY STATUTORY PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION UNTIL 16 OCTOBER 2020 - NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT (NSIP) - DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER (DCO)

The report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health set out details of the statutory pre-application consultation for a Development Consent Order to extend the Integrated Waste

Management Incinerator at Allington. The report provided a basic overview of the consultation process for a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project, identified likely timeframes and key points for consideration and set out a proposed response to the public consultation to be submitted by 16 October 2020.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the content of the report be noted; and
- (2) the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Environment Services, issue the response set out at Annex 9 to the report as the Council's formal position on the public consultation.

***Referred to Cabinet**

MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION

SSE 20/19 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PERFORMANCE 2019/20

The report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health provided a summary of operational activities and performance in respect of the statutory functions undertaken by the Environmental Protection Team and the Food and Safety Team in 2019/20.

SSE 20/20 WASTE AND STREET SCENE SERVICES UPDATE

The report of the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services provided details of a number of issues and initiatives managed by the Waste and Street Scene Services team.

SSE 20/21 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

There were no items considered in private.

The meeting ended at 10.25 pm