

Environment Scrutiny Panel – 3 February 2009

EN78

Update on Out of Hours and Major Outdoor Events Informal Scrutiny Group

Report of Head of Democratic Services

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Executive Summary/Purpose of the Report

This Report has been requested by the Chairman of the Panel, Councillor Lipscomb, to update Members on Cabinet's consideration of the Informal Groups' recommendations.

Cabinet's minutes are set out as the appendix to this report, below.

Links to the Corporate Strategy

The Corporate Strategy places emphasis on safeguarding our high quality environment for the future.

Recommended

That the Report be noted and any issues that arise be highlighted to the relevant Portfolio Holder.

Previous references:

EN69 – Out of Hours Informal Scrutiny Group Report – 11 November 2008

EN70 – Major Outdoor Events Informal Scrutiny Group Report – 11 November 2008

CABINET

10 December 2008

Attendance:

Councillor Beckett - *Leader and Portfolio Holder for Economy and Tourism (Chairman) (P)*
Councillor Allgood – *Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency (P)*
Councillor Coates – *Portfolio Holder for Housing (P)*
Councillor Cooper – *Portfolio Holder for Communities and Safety (P)*
Councillor Godfrey – *Portfolio Holder for Performance and Organisational Development (P)*
Councillor Pearson – *Portfolio Holder for Environment (P)*
Councillor Stallard - *Portfolio Holder for Heritage, Culture and Sport (P)*
Councillor Wood – *Portfolio Holder for Planning and Access (P)*

Others in attendance who addressed the meeting:

Councillor Barratt, Busher, Evans, Higgins, Jackson, Learney and Nelmes

Mr A Rickman (TACT)

MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL

(Report [CAB1766](#) refers)

With regard to the Panel's concerns about the limited progress with the Street Scene Services Improvement Plan (Report EN71 refers), Cabinet requested that the Portfolio Holder for Environment progress this further.

In addition, with regard to the Out of Hours Informal Scrutiny Group's (ISG) recommendations (Report EN69 refers), Cabinet agreed that the matters be referred to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Access and the Portfolio Holder for Environment, as appropriate.

With regard to the recommendations under the Major Outdoor Events ISG, Councillor Pearson advised that all the matters raised by the Panel were the subject of ongoing work. The Corporate Director (Governance) suggested that a Portfolio Holder Decision Notice could be used to respond to these detailed points and this approach was agreed.

Cabinet noted that the comments of the Panel in relation to the Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Business Plan had been taken into account under the relevant agenda item above. In addition, comments in relation to options for the General Fund Budget 2009/10 and Capital Programme would be taken into account by the

Portfolio Holder for Finance and Efficiency as part of the ongoing budget process.

Cabinet discussed the request of the Panel to establish a Public Conveniences Provision Informal Scrutiny Group to consider the potential of an asset management plan for these facilities. Councillor Allgood reiterated concerns raised at the previous Cabinet meeting that there were already two possible ISGs involved in considering the Council's asset management and it was not a proper use of Council resources to establish a third. It was agreed that the Corporate Director (Policy) contact the Chairmen of Principal Scrutiny Committee and the relevant Panels to discuss this matter further, with a view to ensuring there was not any duplication of work.

Cabinet agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the comments of the Panel regarding the Sustainable Community Strategy and Updated Corporate Business Plan be noted.
2. That the comments regarding consultation on the General Fund Budget and Capital Programme be taken in account in further preparations for the General Fund Budget 2009/10.
3. That the recommendations regarding the Out of Hours Informal Scrutiny Group's (Report EN69 refers) be referred to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Access and the Portfolio Holder for Environment, as appropriate.
4. That the recommendations regarding the Major Outdoor Events ISG (Report EN70 refers) be referred to the Portfolio Holder for Environment to respond to through the Portfolio Holder Decision Notice procedure.
5. That the proposal to establish an Public Conveniences Informal Scrutiny Group be deferred to enable further discussions to be held by the Corporate Director (Policy) with the Chairman of the Panel, together with the Chairmen of Principal Scrutiny Committee and Resources Scrutiny Panel.