

Wiltshire Council

Environment Select Committee

6 November 2018

Task Group and Programme Boards Representatives Updates

Purpose

To provide an update on recent task group and programme board activity and propose any decisions requiring Committee approval.

1. Waste Contracts Task Group

Membership:

Cllr Peter Evans

Cllr Sven Hocking (Chairman)

Cllr Ruth Hopkinson

Cllr Bob Jones, MBE

Cllr Jacqui Lay

Cllr Nick Murry

Supporting Officer: Natalie Heritage

Terms of Reference:

1. To support the delivery of the Business Plan 2017-27 objective(s) of high recycling rates and reducing litter by monitoring, scrutinising and supporting:
 - a) A review of the council's commercial waste policy
 - b) Increased awareness of changes to waste collections
 - c) The implementation and performance of the council's waste contracts for collecting and managing waste and recyclables (Lot 1, Lot 3, Lot 4 and Lot 5 - commencing 30 July 2018)
 - d) The performance of the contract for managing council-owned HRCs (commenced October 2017 – Lot 2)
 - e) The potential development of services within the council's waste contracts
 - f) The Council's plans to address fly-tipping and littering.

2. To hold quarterly meetings to focus on the waste contracts (following their commencement), with further ad-hoc meetings convened, when appropriate, to consider other areas within the terms of reference above.

Recent activity:

The task group met on 10 October to discuss the results from their commercial waste survey with the Director for Waste and Environment and the Executive.

Despite seven community areas confirming that they would circulate the survey to all of their businesses, the survey only received three responses. All agreed that this was likely because commercial businesses had accepted that the Council had moved away from providing a direct commercial waste service. Also, the lack of responses could signal that commercial businesses were satisfied with the service provided within Wiltshire. Interestingly, the majority of respondents detailed that they felt the service on offer in Wiltshire was 'good', in comparison to other local areas.

The common theme that emerged from the survey was the ability for commercial businesses to recycle their waste in Wiltshire and the task group raised this with the Executive and Director at the meeting. The Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste stressed that it was the responsibility of individual commercial businesses to explore recycling opportunities. The task group accepted this and highlighted the importance of the Council communicating this responsibility to businesses.

Fly-tipping and enforcement action was also discussed. The task group are due to receive data on the amount of Fixed Penalty Notices issued in Wiltshire, as well as the number of successful prosecutions for fly-tipping at their next meeting on 9 November.

Dependent on the discussion and evidence received at November's meeting, it is anticipated that this will be the final meeting of the task group; as Term of Reference (ToR) C above is no longer relevant and the task group will have worked through each of their other ToRs.

2. Late Night Taxi Fares

Membership:

Cllr Derek Brown OBE
Cllr Brian Dalton
Cllr Matthew Dean
Cllr Peter Evans
Cllr Ian McLennan
Cllr Graham Payne (Chairman)

Terms of Reference:

In the context of the Salisbury recovery effort and reports of high late-night fares being charged in the Salisbury area,

1. To investigate whether the current schedule of late-night tariffs for Hackney carriages, as adopted by the Licensing Committee in 2014,
 - a) Is supportive of Wiltshire's night time economy (NTE)
 - b) Is comparable to, and competitive with, night time centres in adjoining counties
 - c) Provides a fair system across all parts of the county.

2. To make any evidenced recommendations for improvement as appropriate.

Recent activity:

The task group held its second meeting on 20th September 2018. It received evidence from the Operations Manager of Salisbury Business Improvement District (BID) and the Chairperson of Salisbury Pubwatch. The key discussion areas were the impact of the current maximum tariffs (introduced in 2014) on Salisbury's night-time economy and on those people wishing to go out in Salisbury. The task group will now meet with Salisbury Chamber of Commerce and the proprietors of two taxi companies based in Salisbury.

The task group's final report will be brought to committee at its next meeting in January 2019.

3. Rapid Scrutiny: Plastic Waste for Wiltshire's roads

Membership:

Cllr Trevor Carbin

Cllr Tony Jackson

Cllr Jacqui Lay

Cllr Brian Mathew (Chairman)

Supporting Officer: Marie Gondlach

Recent Activity:

The Rapid Scrutiny members had a very productive meeting on Wednesday 3 October. The main item on the agenda was a question and answer session with a representative from MacRebur, the "plastic road company" (further information can be found on [MacRebur's website](#)). The Rapid Scrutiny is now focusing on gathering cross-referencing evidence for its final report and will now engage with other local authorities who have piloted the use of plastic, either in road repairs or road resurfacing.

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