

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY**

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety held on Wednesday, 6 July 2016 at 4:30pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

### **Present**

Councillors Luke Stubbs  
Dave Ashmore  
Julie Bird  
Stephen Morgan

#### **7. Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Rob new sent his apologies and Councillor Luke Stubbs attended in his stead.

#### **8. Declaration of Members' Interests**

No interests were declared.

#### **9. Waste Trial**

Paul Fielding, Operations Manager introduced the report and in response to questions, with Collette Hill, Assistant Director of Property and Housing he clarified the following points:

- If residents find that they have more rubbish than will fit in the bin, they can discuss their needs with the council.
- Communication with residents and Ward Councillors started before the trial and will continue throughout.
- During the trial, the waste operatives will not be able to collect mixed waste (i.e. bins and bags).
- Fareham, Havant and Gosport provide a 240 litre bin which is collected once a fortnight. Portsmouth will provide a 140 litre bin collected once a week.
- Work has also been carried out with residents who live in flats to ensure that they can recycle as much as possible.

Councillor Luke Stubbs noted that this was a good initiative but in some older areas of the city it would be more difficult for residents to have another bin.

### **DECISIONS**

**Councillor Luke Stubbs decided that:**

- 1. A trial be undertaken as described, in the chosen area, for residents to be provided with wheeled bins for refuse. The trial will last up to six months.**
- 2. During the trial refuse will continue to be collected on a weekly basis only from the bins provided.**
- 3. Officers provide feedback to residents during the trial about the changes in recycling rates.**

## **10. Assessment of Air Quality in the City**

Richard Lee, Environmental Health Manager introduced the report and in response to questions, clarified the following points:

- There are no new areas of non-compliance.
- The green station in Anglesea Road will be the size of a BT cabinet with the detector on top inside a metal cage to protect it from vandalism. Defra will probably fund it for more than five years. The results are likely to show the highest levels of air pollution in the city, but as people tend to walk past rather than wait there, exposure will be low.

Councillor Stubbs welcomed the report and said he was pleased that the number of areas that are compliant is increasing. He felt that over time there will be fewer problems because of newer cars with cleaner technology and the increase in electric cars.

### **DECISIONS**

**Councillor Luke Stubbs acknowledged the:**

- 1. Prescriptive statutory changes to the annual air quality reporting processes.**
- 2. Increased need to monitor and reduce the impact of particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.55µm or less (PM2.5)**
- 3. Conclusions of the 2016 air quality progress report and approves the publication of the 2016 report attached as Appendix 1;**
- 4. Importance of, and supports the installation of, a DEFRA-funded air quality monitoring station in Victoria Park;**
- 5. Relevance of clean air zones in Portsmouth.**

## **11. Food Premises Inspection Plan 2016/ 17**

Richard Lee, Environmental Health Manager introduced the report and in response to questions explained that resources are deflected to other areas of work as the need arises.

Councillor Morgan welcomed the fact that businesses work together to support each other.

Councillor Stubbs was pleased to note that 95% of inspected premises get three or more stars.

### **DECISIONS**

**Councillor Luke Stubbs:**

- 1. Approved the continuation of a risk-based approach to the statutory and regulatory inspection and enforcement of food business operators;**
- 2. Acknowledged the reasons for the increasing levels of enforcement and reduction in inspection rates, and the public health importance of this service;**
- 3. Approved the Food Operating Plan 2016 / 2017 as described in Appendix 1 of this report;**
- 4. Approved the revisit inspection regime as detailed within section 7.35 and section 7.36.**

The meeting concluded at 5:20pm.