

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety held on Thursday, 17 November 2016 at 4.30 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Robert New
 Dave Ashmore
 Stephen Morgan

15. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Julie Bird sent her apologies for absence.

16. Declaration of Members' Interests

No interests were declared.

17. Health & Safety Intervention Plan 2016/ 2017

Richard Lee, Regulatory Services Manager introduced the report and in response to questions, explained that there is a prescribed remit regarding when industry must report incidents to the Health & Safety Executive which then informs the local authority.

Councillor New thanked officers for the important work that they do to ensure safety of the public.

The Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety approved the manner in which Regulatory Services delivers its health and safety responsibilities in 2016/ 2017 as set out in appendix one.

18. Household Waste Recycling Centre Service Efficiencies Implementation

Colette Hill, Assistant Director of Property and Housing (Environment) introduced the report.

Councillor Lee Hunt made a deputation in which he expressed concern that the fees and reduced opening hours has led to an increase in fly-tipping. He circulated a photograph showing a pile of rubbish that had been dumped in Southsea.

In response to questions from opposition spokespersons, Colette Hill explained that:

- Approximately 30% of the site's users are from households outside the PO1 -6 area. Equally, many of our residents use sites outside of the city.
- Hampshire City Council will revisit what other options are available.
- There has been a reduction in fly tipping since the introduction of charging for some waste at the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC). Full details will be attached as an appendix to these minutes.
- Information about what waste incurs charges will continue to be disseminated and prosecutions will be publicised.

Councillor Dave Ashmore said that he was pleased that the implementation of the reduction of opening hours and the introduction of a full day of closure had been postponed and that the council would be reimbursed for the share of saving that would have been realised.

In response to a question from Councillor Stephen Morgan, Councillor Rob New explained that the government has queried the legality of the local authorities charging for some waste that it now classes as domestic waste rather than DIY waste.

Councillor Morgan expressed concern regarding fly tipping and thanked officers for dealing with it so efficiently.

Councillor New commented that the misrepresentation in the media about what items are incurred has led to residents' confusion. He also noted that he could not permit unknowable costs to the council and he had agreed with the decision in 2012 to close the HWRC made by the previous administration. The situation will continue to be monitored.

DECISION

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The meeting concluded at 5.10 pm.

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Councillor Robert New