

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY DECISION MEETING

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety Decision Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 January 2017 at 4.30 pm at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Robert New
Dave Ashmore
Julie Bird

19. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Stephen Morgan sent his apologies.

20. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of members' interests.

21. Household Waste Collections in Portsmouth.

Paul Fielding, Operations Manager introduced his report and in response to questions explained that

- The sacks will be weighted to prevent them from blowing away.
- The exact details of the scheme will be tailored to respond to the needs of each ward.
- Officers will monitor the situation and respond as necessary.
- Residents can put more than one bag out per week if required.
- Lessons were learnt from the trial in Highbury and good feedback was received.
- Fareham and Havant residents' rubbish is collected fortnightly in bigger bins.

Councillor New thanked the team for all their hard work.

DECISIONS

Councillor Rob New decided that:

1. That the operational roll-out, measures and feedback of the trial for wheelie bins for rubbish in Highbury are noted.
2. That the options available are reviewed, taking note of the legal and financial comments
3. In line with the current strategic approach of the council, it is recommended that Option 3 is taken forward. This would see the following:
 - Continue with the trial in Highbury for at least another six months.

- **Extend the trial of wheelie bins for rubbish across selected parts of the city**
- **Undertaking a trial for rubbish restriction in an area where the houses are flat-fronted.**

22. Portsmouth Stray Dogs Kennels Boarding Dogs For The Homeless.

Roy Goulding, ASB Unit and Portsmouth Stray Dog Kennel Manager introduced the report.

Councillor Robert New thanked officers for their work and the opposition spokespersons for their support. He also explained that he had requested that this service be provided partly for emotive reasons and because the council has a duty to remove barriers that prevent people from accessing life changing services. He understands that dogs are part of the family and people have a special bond with them.

He also noted that Councillor Godier was carrying out great work with the homeless.

Councillor Swan suggested that a collection of dog food could be arranged in Pets at Home or Morrisons.

DECISIONS

This policy as set out in appendix 1 of the report be piloted to identify demand and costs of boarding these dogs at no charge to the rough sleeper. The pilot will be in place until 31 March 2018 before a final decision is made to adopt the policy permanently thereafter.

The meeting concluded at 4.55 pm.

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Councillor Robert New