

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety held on Thursday, 28 February 2019 at 10am at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Present

Councillor Dave Ashmore
Councillor George Fielding
Gemma New

6. Apologies for Absence

None.

7. Declaration of Members' Interests

None.

8. Separate Food Waste Collection Trial

The Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods presented the report and highlighted the following areas:

- Food waste was currently collected as part of the black bag collection and disposed of at the Energy Recovery Facility. A recent waste composition analysis showed that 40% of black bag waste was food waste of which 30% avoidable - excess food that had not been eaten.
- The government had recently published a Resources and Waste Strategy which indicated that it would introduce mandatory separate food waste collection services by 2023, subject to consultation.
- The administration was keen to introduce a separate food waste collection service to residents - industry estimates that this could improve the recycling rate by approx. 4-8%. Food waste containers would be distributed to households in the trials and food waste would be collected weekly.
- The trial would be for 6 months, the first 3 months would be the main part of the trial, followed by a period of evaluation after which a decision would be made about a wider roll out of the scheme. Evaluation would include monitoring of refuse and food waste tonnage along with 'put out' rates and incorporate feedback from residents participating in the trial

DECISION: The Cabinet Member approved the proposal for a food waste collection trial.

9. Illicit tobacco and alcohol harm reduction

Richard Lee, Regulatory Services Manager, introduced the report and highlighted the following areas:

- That a partnership between Public Health and Regulatory Services was important in order to ensure coherence and to maximise the combined

impacts of the work whilst providing funding and regulatory expertise to support tobacco and alcohol reduction strategies.

- To provide advice and guidance to local retailers in respect to the legal trading of alcohol and tobacco related products whilst providing a deterrent in respect to illegal activities.
- counterfeit products were frequently made without any control over their content, making them potentially far more harmful than legitimate, regulated products whilst the sale of such products was linked to low level and large scale organised crime, nationally and internationally.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety:

- a) acknowledged that the trade in illicit tobacco and alcohol had serious consequences for health, crime and community cohesion and as such remained a priority.**
- b) approved the disruption programme as set out within Section 8 of the report.**

10. Community crime reduction grant

Lisa Wills, Strategy and Partnership Manager, Human Resources, Legal and Performance presented the report and highlighted the following areas:

The purpose of the fund was to provide an opportunity to engage with residents in order to encourage them to become involved in crime reduction in their area of the city.

The fund would have limited resources so working with the community to support local priorities was important to achieve the best positive outcomes for the city.

It was recommended that the new process take account of the current priorities that were set out in the Community Safety Plan for Portsmouth 2018-20.

RESOLVED

That the Cabinet Member approved:

- a) The establishment of a £90k community crime reduction fund for three years, funded from the Environment and Community Safety Portfolio Reserve.**
- b) The application of a locality workshop process.**

The meeting concluded at 10.27 am.

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Councillor Dave Ashmore