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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES,** **PLANNING AND** **COUNTRYSIDE MEETING**

MONDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2018

PRESENT: Councillors D Sammon (Chair)
D Jones (Vice-Chair)

Councillors M Colbran, J Davies, L Davies and C T Jones

Cooptees:

R Holdaway (Public) and J McCarthy (Public)

Other Councillors in Attendance:

Councillor K Gibbs (Cabinet Member)

Officers:

C Evans (Chief Officer (Neighbourhood Services)), S Jones (Senior Solicitor), P Jones (Environmental Cleansing and Enforcement Manager), J Price (Environmental Services) and S Lyons (Performance and Scrutiny Officer)

M Hemmings (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
290	Apologies for absence	There were no apologies for absence received. The Chair welcomed Councillor Jeremy Davies to the Committee.
291	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.

292	Recycling / Landfill (Performance)	<p>Steve Thomas presented the report to Committee providing an overview of recycling performance, where we were, where we are and where we want to be.</p> <p>It was highlighted that the figure in 4.4 for 2017/18 was indicative and not yet confirmed.</p> <p>The following questions were raised and responded to in detail by the Officers:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change in wood processor – how will this affect the figures and what happens to the 80% that is not recyclable • Has there been an increase in fly tipping since the introduction of smaller bins • What potential improvements can be made to increase recycling and encourage residents to recycle • Clarity sought on:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - whether the figures were local or national - improvements made since civic amenity sites back under control of local authority - correlation between the percentage, tonnage and cost - civic amenity site permits - feedback on trolley boxes/completion of scheme - difficult to recycle items - incontinence pads/nappies - fines issued to local authorities - potential efficiencies on recycling collection rounds - plastic film collection trial - parks waste included in Waste Data Flow reporting - recycling of fly tipping - re-sale shop usage/location - vehicle breakdowns - revenue for non-contaminated compared to contaminated products - buyers to purchase recyclable materials - larger bin requests/follow up checks - number of houses per collection round <p>Committee thanked Steven Thomas for the detailed answers provided.</p> <p>Resolved that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the content of this report be discussed and noted. b) the updated figures be provided to the Scrutiny Officer/Chair and brought back to Committee if necessary.
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293	Environmental Enforcement Update	<p>Paul Jones led the Committee in detail through the Environmental Enforcement Update report.</p> <p>The following questions/matters were raised by the Committee and responded to in detail by the Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the decrease in fly tipping due to reduced number of incidents or decrease in reporting • Clearing of fly tipping and enforcement on private land • Serving of FPNs • Covert cameras • Stop and Search • Length of time taken for prosecutions <p>Resolved that:</p> <p>a) The scrutiny committee notes the content of this report.</p>
294	Scrutiny Committee Work Programme	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the Scrutiny Committee Work Programme report and the contents were noted.</p> <p>Waste to provide update when their data is published late October 2018.</p>
295	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	<p>Following discussion the Chair advised that an invitation to attend Committee be sent to Victoria Slade at Merthyr Valleys Home.</p>
296	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	<p>The Chair and the members reflected on the items discussed at the meeting.</p>
297	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	<p>The Chair deemed no other business was deemed urgent.</p>