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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

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

MONDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 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:

K Gibbs (Cabinet Member)

Officers:

C Evans (Chief Officer (Neighbourhood Services)), P Davies (Waste Management), Christian Jones (Site Manager) and S Lyons (Performance and Scrutiny Officer)

K Vokes (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
410	Apologies for absence	No apologies for absence received as all members were present.
411	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No declarations of interest were made.

412	Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC)	<p>The Chair referred to the report on the Household Waste and Recycling Centres which advised members that following Council approval an implementation plan was developed to ensure that from 1st September 2018 the Council was ready to manage and operate the sites.</p> <p>Officers provided advice and background information in relation to the following questions from the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification on the number of staff that have been transferred from Potter's. • Terms and conditions of the Potter's staff. • Size of vehicles allowed on the site. • Use of the Permit Scheme in the Recycling Centres. • Clarification on the appointments of Sites Manager and Supervisor. • What is the timescale for the consideration of accepting trade recyclables at the site? • The percentage of recovery at the sites in the previous 6 months. • Clarification on the tonnage data which is required to report the percentage of materials recycled and when will the new data be available? • Progress on the development of the proposed re-use shop in Pentrebach. • Recycling of Plastic waste and are they being retained in this country? • Progress on the plastic film recycling scheme that is being piloted in part of the County Borough. <p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>The contents of the report be noted by members.</p>
413	Environment Enforcement across the County Borough – Update	<p>The Chair referred to the update report on the Environment Enforcement across the County Borough and advised members that this is an information report as no officers were in attendance.</p> <p>Members spoke on the number of covert cameras available to use for surveillance proposes and expressed concern over the lack of surveillance being carried out due to the capacity within the department.</p> <p>Discussion also ensued on the issuing of Section 34 Notices.</p>

		<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This report be re-scheduled for a future meeting in order that officers can attend to answer questions from the Committee. • The Chair and Scrutiny Officer to meet outside of this Committee on the queries raised and to seek answers from the appropriate officers.
414	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	No Scrutiny referrals, feedback or follow up actions were reported by the Chair.
415	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair and the members reflected on the items discussed at the meeting.
416	Scrutiny Committee Work Programme	<p>The Chair referred the Committee to the 'Scrutiny Committee Work Programme' report and the contents were noted.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Officer advised there was an error on the Work Programme and confirmed that the appropriate officers will be present for the Scrutiny Committees on the 3rd December 2018 and 11th March 2019 to update members on Environment Enforcement across the County Borough.</p>
417	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised there was no business deemed urgent.