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County Borough Council

MINUTES OF MEETING

SCRUTINY : GOVERNANCE, PERFORMANCE, BUSINESS CHANGE AND CORPORATE SERVICES MEETING

TUESDAY, 4TH MAY, 2021

PRESENT: Councillors: J Amos (Vice-Chair, in the Chair)

Councillors: D Sammon, W R Smith, L Davies and C T Jones

Cooptees:

S Fureed (MTBWYF)

Other Councillors in Attendance:

D Hughes (Cabinet Member)

Officers:

J Jones (Chief Officer Neighbourhood Services) and P Davies (Waste Management)

M Morgan (Democratic Services Officer)

ITEM NO.	AGENDA MATTER	DECISION
587	Apologies for Absence	Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T Skinner and Councillor A Barry Cabinet Member. Councillor H R Jones was unable to join the Meeting due to Technical Issues.

588	Declarations of Interest (including whipping declarations)	No Declarations of Interest were made.
589	Waste Bin Charges	<p>The Chair welcomed Judith Jones, Paul Davies and Councillor D Hughes Cabinet Member to the Meeting.</p> <p>Paul Davies referred the Committee to the 'Waste Bins Charges' report and together with Judith Jones and Councillor D Hughes responded in detail to the following questions raised by the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paragraph 5.2 – Is there need for a Policy for the Officers to work from • In properties where a Waste Bin has not been left are the new occupiers expected to pay for a bin • Update on progress arising from recommendations made at the last Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee • Explanation requested in relation to stolen bins and Crime Numbers issued • Explanation of circumstances where the charge has not been applied • Paragraph 4.2 – Is there data available for a longer time period – Is rubbish being dumped rather than pay for a Waste Bin • Damage sustained by Waste Bins due to bad weather – Is there a figure available • Is there possibility / feasibility as part of a Policy that there be engagement with residents regarding the ability to pay for a Waste Bin • What are the costs for bar coding of Waste Bins – Can bins be tracked – Do other Council's have bar codes on Waste Bins • (Paul Davies advised that all information would be relayed to the Committee) • Has consideration been given to litter picking after the recycling collection – Pilot Scheme in operation - Can a list be given to the Committee of where litter pickers are following the recycling vehicle – Can Members be notified if this is throughout the County Borough <p>A Member then proposed that a Task and Finish Group be established to comprise the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee, the appropriate Cabinet Member(s) together with the appropriate Officer(s) to consider and identify a procedure that would be applied in instances where replacement Waste Bins are requested and that the findings of the Group be referred to Cabinet / Full Council for their consideration</p> <p>After consideration it was</p> <p>Resolved that:</p>

		<p>(a) The content of the report be noted</p> <p>(b) A Task and Finish Group be established to comprise the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee, the appropriate Cabinet Member(s) together with the appropriate Officer(s) to consider and identify a procedure that would be applied in instances where replacement Waste Bins are requested and that the findings of the Group be referred to Cabinet / Full Council for their consideration.</p>
590	Work Programme 2020-2021	The Chair referred the Committee to the Forward Work Programme 2020/21 and suggested that in the absence of the Chair and Scrutiny Officer that the Forward Work Programme be considered by the Chair and the Scrutiny Officer and then referred to the Committee for their consideration and this suggestion was agreed by the Committee.
591	Scrutiny Referrals, Feedback and Follow up Actions	No referrals were made.
592	Reflection and Evaluation of Meeting	The Chair and the Committee reflected in detail on the issues that had been considered at the Meeting.
593	Any other business deemed urgent by the Chair	The Chair advised that there was no business deemed urgent.