
143. Date and Venue for Next Meeting (Agenda Item 4)

Members noted that the next meeting of the Area West Committee would be held on Wednesday 20th June 2018 at The Guildhall, Chard. (start time to be confirmed).

144. Public Question Time (Agenda Item 5)

There were no questions from members of the public.

145. Chairman's Announcements (Agenda Item 6)

The Chairman advised that the Annual Town and Parish Meeting (Area's West and South) would be held on Thursday 28th June at 6.30pm at the Henhayes Centre in Crewkerne.

The Chairman informed members that Officers were looking to hold a workshop for members to identify the area priorities for the new Area Plan for Area West Committee. Members were in agreement for the workshop to be held prior to the next Area West Committee meeting on Wednesday 20th June at 4.00pm – 6.00pm to be held at The Guildhall in Chard.

146. County Highway Report to Area West Committee (Agenda Item 7)

The Assistant Highway Service Manager presented the report which informed members of the highway works carried out last financial year in Area West and the proposed works programme for 2018/19. He advised that grass cutting had recently commenced with parts of the A30 now complete which would be followed by C and D roads. He advised that Derek Davies would present future reports to the Area West Committee.

During the ensuing discussion, the Assistant Highway Service Manager responded to questions regarding issues within Area West which included the following:

- Concern was raised over the visibility at the junction of Eagle Cross onto the A30 and the condition of the road surface on the back road to Taunton;
- A member commented that the 40mph speed limit signs located on the Devon boarder were often ignored and there was a need for further signs;
- Clarification was sought regarding the repair of ruts on the side of roads;
- A member queried when the yellow lining at Winterhay Lane would commence;
- A member commented that the hedges along Cathole Bridge Road, Crewkerne were causing visibility problems.

The Chairman and members thanked the Assistant Highway Service Manager for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

147. Report for Area West Committee on the Performance of the Streetscene Service (Agenda Item 8)

The Environmental Services Manager introduced the report, and highlighted key elements and achievements since the last update report which included the following:

- The annual work schedules were delivered according to plan;
- Litter picking on the main roads had been completed before starting on the summer delivery of the annual work programmes;
- The service had been investigating and liaising with the Highways Agency how to safely clean the central reservation areas of the A303;
- The service has reduced its sickness levels to 6 days per employee;
- Fly tipping figures had reduced in Area West and across the district;
- The Christmas Tree Shredding Service proved to be a great success;
- Remedial works to the entrance track and car park area of Snowden Park have been completed ensuring it is more accessible for all users;
- As part of the Council's Transformation programme, Streetscene has been rebranded as Environmental Services and now contains management of Yeovil Crematorium and Cemetery and Waste and Recycling;
- Continued development of the workshop as an MOT station.

During a brief discussion, the Environmental Services Manager responded to points of detail and provided more information about:

- Funding received for the collection of fly tips
- The issues encountered with the collection of kerbside recycling on windy days across the district
- A recent successful enforcement prosecution
- The process and costs associated with the installation of additional dog bins

At the end of discussion, members congratulated the team on the achievements and thanked the manager for his report.

RESOLVED: That the report on the performance of the Streetscene Service be noted.

148. Area West Committee - Forward Plan (Agenda Item 9)

The Communities Lead referred to the Area West Committee Forward Plan outlined in the agenda and noted that the Forward Plan mainly included items for decision and high profile matters of interest.

The Communities Lead referred to the Area Development Plan/Area+ Proposals item on the agenda for June and commented that this item worked better as a workshop. If there was a high number of planning applications coming forward the date may need to be re-arranged.

The Communities Lead explained that the Annual Town and Parish Meeting was being held jointly with Area South Parishes as Area South only had 8 parishes. She hoped that members would encourage their parishes to attend and advised that items on the agenda would include Transformation and Super-fast Broadband.

RESOLVED: That the Area West Committee Forward Plan be noted as attached to the agenda.

149. Planning Appeals (Agenda Item 10)

Members noted the report which outlined the details of an appeal received at Land OS 7562 Part Stonage Lane, Haselbury Plucknett.

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Chairman