

Minute of Meeting Environment Policy Board

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday, 15 March 2017	13:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Derek Bibby, Councillor John Caldwell, Councillor Eddie Devine, Councillor Margaret Devine, Councillor Audrey Doig, Councillor Christopher Gilmour, Provost Anne Hall, Councillor James MacLaren, Councillor Kenny MacLaren, Councillor Iain McMillan, Councillor Alexander Murrin, Councillor Will Mylet, Councillor Iain Nicolson, Councillor Jim Paterson

Chair

Councillor E Devine, presided.

In Attendance

S MacDougall, Director of Community Resources; D Gillies, Head of Facilities Management, O Reid, Head of Public Protection, K Anderson, Amenity Services Manager - Waste, K Carr, Site Services Manager, K Markwick, Amenity Services Manager - Roads & Transportation, S Dale, Interim Street Scene and Land Services Manager, E Scott, Building Services Manager (all Community Resources); and D Farrell, Finance & Resources Service Manager, C MacDonald and A McNaughton, Senior Committee Services Officers (Finance & Resources).

Apology

Councillor McGurk.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 Revenue Budget Monitoring Report

There was submitted a joint revenue budget monitoring report by the Directors of Finance & Resources and Community Resources for the period 1 April 2016 to 6 January 2017.

DECIDED: That the budget position be noted.

2 Capital Budget Monitoring Report

There was submitted a capital budget monitoring report by the Director of Finance & Resources for the period 1 April 2016 to 6 January 2017.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 Operational Performance Report

There was submitted an update report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the services and key projects delivered by Community Resources.

The report included operational updates in relation to Events and Awards; Amenity Services; Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership; Regulatory Services; and Facilities Management, together with details of performance in terms of indicators and benchmarking targets.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

4 Consultation on the Food Standards Scotland (FSS) Regulatory Strategy

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to consultation by Food Standards Scotland (FSS) on their regulatory strategy.

The report intimated that the FSS regulatory strategy established five regulatory outcomes against which success would be evaluated. The regulatory strategy aligned closely with the Renfrewshire Council Integrated Enforcement Policy adopted in 2016.

The consultation invited responses to be submitted by 18 April 2017. The proposed Council response to the consultation was attached as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 detailed the FSS Strategy.

DECIDED:

(a) That the publication of the Food Standards Scotland consultation on their draft regulatory strategy be noted; and

(b) That the response to the consultation as appended to the report be agreed.

5 Vehicle Idling and Vehicle Emissions Campaign 2016/17

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the Vehicle Idling and Vehicle Emissions Campaign 2016/17.

The report intimated that the vehicle emissions campaign would take place over four days in March 2017 with a year-long vehicle idling campaign at schools starting at the same time. The media campaign for schools was outlined in appendices 1, 2 and 3.

Vehicle emissions testing would be undertaken in conjunction with partners, including Police Scotland, and during inspections officers would be assessing compliance with other legislation which included smoking in motor vehicles with children and vehicle condition. Testing of the vehicles would be conducted within Paisley Town Centre (Wallneuk Road), Renfrew Town Centre and Johnstone Town Centre.

The campaign, through Scottish Government funding, had provided access for local companies to sign up to the ECO (Efficient and Cleaner Operations) fleet recognition scheme, fuel management and operational efficiency support programme. The programme was aimed at operators of goods vehicles, vans, buses, taxis and coaches. It encouraged commercial fleet operators based (or with significant operations) within Renfrewshire to adopt operational and environmental best practice. The Council's own fleet had participated in the scheme and had been awarded a four star rating (out of a maximum of five stars). The Ecostars fleet management programme would form part of the Renfrewshire Council Air Quality Action plan which was currently being devised and would contribute to improvements in air quality.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be noted that the Council's vehicle idling and emissions campaign would commence during March 2017;

(b) That it be noted that the vehicle emissions testing would be undertaken in conjunction with partners including Police Scotland and that during inspections officers would be assessing compliance with other legislation including smoking in motor vehicles with children, vehicle condition etc; and

(c) That the Director of Community Resources be authorised to act as a signatory for certificates related to the ECO Stars fleet recognition scheme.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Board resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the press and public were present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

6 Roads Trading Budget Monitoring Report

This item is exempt.

7 Vehicle Maintenance Budget Monitoring Report

This item is exempt.

8 Catering Trading Budget Monitoring Report

This item is exempt.

