

Minutes of the Meeting of the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 14 June 2022 at 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors Joycelyn Redsell (Chair), James Thandi (Vice-Chair), Daniel Chukwu, Sara Muldowney, Maureen Pearce and Elizabeth Rigby

Apologies: None

In attendance:
Phil Carver, Strategic Lead Enforcement and Community Protection
Michelle Cunningham, Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Manager
Gavin Dennett, Strategic Lead - Public Protection
Daren Spring, Assistant Director – Street Scene & Leisure
Vincent Taylor, Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services
Rhiannon Whiteley, Senior Democratic Services Officer
Terry Fisher, Essex Police

Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised that the meeting may be filmed and was being recorded, with the audio recording to be made available on the Council's website.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the Cleaner, Greener, and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 3rd February 2022 were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

2. Items of Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no interests declared

4. Off Road Nuisance Vehicles - Verbal Update

Terry Fisher updated members on the progress of Operation Ceasar. He explained that in the year 2022 they have issued 35 Section 59 warnings which is more than double the number that were issued in all of 2021. They have seized three vehicles and crushed one. They have also not identified any repeat offenders which is something they were not expecting and this

shows that some of their actions are acting as a deterrent as they are not seeing the same individuals being stopped over and over again and receiving the same warning. In 2021 they were mostly seeing offending mainly taking place on a Sunday, however from reviews of social media and responses this has now switched and most activities seem to be taking place on Saturdays. Five hotspot areas have been identified and the Police are ensuring that they are putting their resources where they need to be.

For June the top 5 areas are : -

1. Rainbow Lane, Stanford-Le-Hope
2. Rear of Essex arena /Davey Down Nature Reserve
3. Orsett Heath, Chadwell St Mary
4. Blackshots and Grays
5. Colne, East Tilbury

Terry Fisher further updated the members that: -

- The Off Road Vehicles team which is a quad bike team to be trialed in Thurrock is on track to launch in September.
- In relation to drones, it was confirmed that the Leader has offered his support in ensuring that they can use some of the Council's assets however they also have a meeting scheduled with their own drone single point of contact in Essex Police to hopefully obtain their own drone for the Community Police Team.
- The Police are also continuing to run pop-up engagement events at the areas of concerns.
- In respect of the potential application for a PSPO (Public Spaces Protection Order), a meeting took place yesterday with the Council's Legal team and they are collating data and an evidence package to submit to the Legal team to review.

Terry Fisher also gave an update in relation to target hardening in the top 5 areas of concern as follows: -

- In Belhus Country park, the only work outstanding is a fence gap in Hamble Lane which they are looking to close.
- In Orsett Heath they are looking at a number of options, barriers have been erected in 4 locations and whilst it wont prevent access it will slow down bikes.
- Mobile CCTV is due to be erected on King George's Avenue at the end of the Bridleway.
- The Butts Lane fencing has been repaired, they are looking at a barrier at Butt's Lane to restrict access to the footpath.
- In Billet Lane they are looking to identify areas to target harden but this is likely to be a longer piece of work due to proposed work of 4G pitches in the area where potential restrictions would have been put up.
- In Blackshots, the site has been visited however due to it being very vast with many access points trying to restrict all of these would be incredibly expensive and difficult and they are not sure how efficient it would be at resolving the issue. The walk-way by the allotments will be closed off and barriers to restrict parking on the land at the end of Long Lane.

- Colne East Tilbury is a new area identified in the top 5 and a site visit has been conducted. The works to be conducted have been costed and this is currently in the stage of being reviewed.
- A further site visit is being arranged for Davey Down.

Councillor Redsell commented that they were riding on the golf course at Top Meadow yesterday. Councillor Redsell queried if dune buggys are allowed on the road.

Terry Fisher responded that they would need to be adapted to be on the road legally. For example, you can get quad bikes that are adapted to be on the roads. Drivers of these vehicles would need to have driving licenses and insurance. If not, they will be committing Road Traffic Offences and this can be addressed.

Councillor Redsell stated that from Woodside they are actually using the Persimmons site to come through on to Buxton Road and King Edwards Drive across the field and are not using the allotment anymore.

Councillor Redsell commented that she is sent a lot of pictures of number plates on Long Lane and they know they are from London because they have 020 stickers on the vans, she questioned whether the Police want residents to send them the pictures or whether she should just send them what she has received.

Terry Fisher responded that any engagement or assistance Councillors can give to help the public understand the ways they can report to the Police is helpful. Members can provide the pictures and any information directly to PC Priest and PC Brand. Members can send video evidence to Operation.ceasar@essex.police.uk . It helps them to build an intelligence picture of who the riders are. Terry Fisher commented that it came as no surprise to him that some of those riders are from London and this links back to the PSPO conditions and being able to sanction drivers bringing off-road vehicles in the back of their vehicles into Thurrock.

Councillor Redsell also commented that residents are telling her that the website (extra eyes) is not easy to go on to and put pictures on.

Terry Fisher responded that he had not used or designed the website so he could not comment. He advised the members to send the pictures to PC Priest and PC Brand.

Councillor Redsell commented that she appreciates the work they are doing and explained that whilst members know what they are doing and know what's coming the general public don't always know this. Councillor Redsell stressed that a couple of people have been hurt on Blackshots field and they are frightening people.

Councillor Muldowney questioned how having a quad bike team will address off road nuisance vehicles.

Terry Fisher responded that when he carried out his review in 2021 the issue they had is that the areas where drivers were riding in most cases were quite remote. In Stanford there was a quarry and it would take officers 25 minutes to walk to the location, in that time the riders knew they had been seen and had left the area. When the weather deteriorates in winter months on Blackshots for example there is no ability for marked police vehicles to drive off road. Quad bikes will allow officers to engage with them, detain them and ultimately impose sanctions. It will allow for far more use of enforcement under Section 59 of the Road Traffic Act and assist in vehicle seizure. The quad bikes are not going to be used to chase after bikes endangering the public. Terry Fisher explained that from the vast amount of research he has carried out people usually come from out of the area to ride off road and Thurrock was seen as an easy target. There are forums on social media and it will be noted that we have an off road vehicles team with quad bikes and he is confident once they know this they will go elsewhere.

Councillor Muldowney stated that having taken part in engagement activities with the police it is quite a theme that it is Essex Police's policy not to chase vehicles. Councillor Muldowney disagreed that the problem in Chadwell is coming from outside the Borough and that a proportion was from locals as residents have provided addresses of where those vehicles are coming from.

Councillor Muldowney asked for confirmation that it is not about chasing people around the Heath and questioned how the police are going to address the problem of riders from Thurrock.

Terry Fisher responded that it is not Essex Police's policy to not pursue vehicles, they will pursue criminals but it has to be proportionate. When pursuits happen there is a risk to officers, the subject and also to the public and drivers will do ridiculously dangerous things. Terry Fisher stressed that he will not allow his officers to endanger the public. He confirmed set tactics have been devised to detain people involving vehicles, quad bikes and drones but it would not be sensible to discuss these tactics in a public forum and he would happily discuss them privately with Councillor Muldowney. Terry Fisher confirmed that he is confident they will be effective but ultimately this is a trial period and there will be a review at the end of the trial period.

Councillor Muldowney confirmed she would welcome a private meeting. She questioned whether it would be cost effective as residents pay for these operations through taxation, she also asked for more information as to what areas the 3 vehicles were seized from.

Terry Fisher responded that he didn't have the data to hand but could obtain it fairly easily and that it could be looked at when they have their meeting.

Councillor Redsell also agreed to a meeting offline and recommended that Councillors should attend from the areas where the problem is the worst. Councillor Redsell highlighted that the Ron Evans field in Long Lane is council

land and has become part of where they congregate now on Saturdays and Sundays.

Councillor Thandi questioned whether the Council and Police can push for CCTV or ANPR cameras in those 5 hot spot areas.

Terry Fisher responded that cameras have been put on King Edwards Drive. He explained that ANPR cameras for off road vehicles are relatively useless as they don't have a registration. It is also a challenge as drivers are wearing crash helmets which causes difficulties when looking at identification. CCTV can be beneficial but drones are better than CCTV. As riders primarily use the same helmets and PPE and he confirmed the Police use the footage obtained to allow them to build an intelligence picture and seek prosecutions.

Councillor Rigby referred to the difficulties with target hardening in Blackshots and questioned whether there were any plans to put barriers at any access points on Hangmans wood.

Terry Fisher agreed Hangmans wood is used as a circuit to link up to Blackshots and Orsett Heath and it has several entrances and bushes that could be driven over and stated that if we are talking about spending 20, 30 or £40,000 of the Council's money on barriers we needed to make sure they were effective. The entire pilot for the quad bikes only cost £40,000. Barriers can be effective at times but there are legal implications when it comes to bridleways, scramblers can zip through them and they can get ripped out quickly. Terry Fisher stated that he is always open to reviewing areas.

Councillor Pearce asked if there had been updates of trouble in Aveley. There have been bikes in the Love Lane area fields previously although there is a school been built there now so this might change.

Terry Fisher clarified that they get calls from all over Thurrock and it is not limited to those 5 areas. They have a very small team with a large remit of responsibility. He encouraged Councillors to get messages out to residents to call the police as that's what decides which areas are in the top 5.

Councillor Redsell re-affirmed that members should encourage people to report these matters to the police.

Councillor Chukwu referred to the target hardening in Chadwell and commented that at the bridge he has seen the fence and there is a large gap in between which in his opinion wont slow bikes down.

Terry Fisher responded that he understood the concerns however there are legal issues as to why they cannot do more with those barriers such as the public right of way and therefore it is the only restrictions available to us. Councillor Chukwu stated he understood the legal implications but it looks like the whole idea is not working if the barriers and fences can't stop them and that it has not been effective so far.

Terry Fisher confirmed that they are not saying the barriers are the solution and stopping there, they are trying to make it a less desirable place to ride and it will help his officers to apprehend offenders. Over a 12 month period we can review what effect the barriers are having at the locations.

Michelle Cunningham (Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Manager) re-affirmed that there are limitations due to the bridle ways and we have to conform with these and Public rights of way limit what they can do.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services commented that when they looked at putting the barriers in there were concerns at the Heath and by Treetops that a moped going at speed could cause an accident, he agreed it wont stop a bike but it will slow it down sufficiently so that if there were to be an accident we are not looking at the worst case scenario.

Councillor Muldowney stated that there is a big wide open space to drive around the barriers and therefore it wont be effective in slowing down bikes. There has to be extra fences at the left side of the barrier otherwise they will come straight down and on to the heath with a slight turn to the left.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services agreed to look into it. Councillor Redsell commented that we can't fence off all of Blackshots field and hopefully what's coming now will make a difference.

Councillor Muldowney stressed the barrier in its current formation is not effective. She also asked for clarification as to where the location of the 4 lots of barriers on Orsett Heath are.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services clarified that there are 4 barriers at 2 locations. They are also looking at another and putting barriers in at the path through the underpass.

At 19.45pm, Terry Fisher left the meeting.

Michelle Cunningham responded to Councillor Thandi's point about CCTV and confirmed that they look at all areas, one has been put in at end of Long Lane to see when vehicles are pulling up. They have looked at Colne but it is not possible at that location. She explained that the areas are on rural land so it is not always easy to put cameras up but they are looking at areas where the vehicles park up.

Councillor Muldowney raised the issue of Greyhound Lane where individuals keep removing the barriers.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services responded that he is happy to visit any areas.

Michelle Cunningham clarified that she wasn't aware that they had been vandalised again.

Councillor Chukwu raised the issue of drones.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services noted that Terry Fisher was best placed to answer the question but had now left the meeting. It is however his understanding that they will use the drones to spot people and then follow them using the drones to where the vehicle is that transported the off-road vehicle to the area and it is then at that location the police will engage with them.

5. Terms of Reference - Overview of Services - PowerPoint

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure introduced the PowerPoint presentation.

Michelle Cunningham (Thurrock Community Safety Partnership Manager) presented the slides regarding Community Safety and Prevent Duties.

Councillor Redsell commented that she was pleased to note that on the first slide at point one that men and boys has been added as this issue had been discussed previously and she hoped that the same would be applied to men and boys.

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure presented slide 3 about Waste and Recycling.

Councillor Redsell confirmed that she had a few complaints lately about the steps that residents have to use to dispose of their waste at the Household Waste and Recycling Centre and from her own previous experience she knows the staff at the HWRC are not always able to help as two women helped her take her rubbish up the stairs the other day as staff could not assist her. She stated that other Boroughs run it better than we do. Councillor Redsell explained that In Lincolnshire you can drive round and drop your rubbish off as you go round. She clarified that the Council workers are usually really helpful but she is concerned about the steps especially when wet and that they could be dangerous.

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure responded that residents can ask the team for assistance when they enter the site, wherever possible the team provide assistance and he needs to know if members of staff are refusing to help. He confirmed he is aware of more modern sites that have areas you can drive up to and drop the waste off from the back of the vehicle. This was included in the design of the redevelopment of the site, unfortunately as those proposals have been put on hold, we are having to work with how the current site is configured. However, the site is much more organised and safer than it was when it was taken back from Essex County Council. The manager of the site is very insistent staff should be helping and he will pass this information back to her.

Councillor Thandi raised that he had a couple of complaints about traffic on the weekends where people want to turn right.

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure responded that since they have been controlling the number of cars going into the site, the reports are that we don't appear to be seeing the same amount of traffic problems that took place before. He explained that there will of course be individual days where a lot of people decide to clean out their garages and shed, however the controls they have put in place seem to be helping with the traffic situation. He reiterated that he is happy to look at individual cases if traffic problems are raised.

Councillor Redsell highlighted that people have lost track of when the brown bins are collected and asked if there is something on the website. Councillor Redsell also noted they have a lot of elderly residents who might not be able to access the website.

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure confirmed that the details are definitely on the website and updated regularly.

Councillor Muldowney raised that it has been a bad couple of years for waste collection and there had been some major service disruptions. She understands from the portfolio holder they will be bringing a report to committee and questioned when they can expect to receive this.

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure responded that he is not aware of the timelines at this present time but he is happy to come back to her when he has a firm date.

Councillor Muldowney questioned when the recycling KPI will be reintroduced and reinstated.

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure responded he has no firm date when that will be happening and will update everyone when he knows.

Councillor Chukwu raised that he had become aware there is only one street cleaner for Chadwell which has a population of 11,000.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services responded that to his knowledge there is 2 but one might be have been absent for a period of time, so he will check with the Team manager and come back to him.

Councillor Rigby raised what services were available to disabled people who couldn't get to the Waste and Recycling site and questioned if there any discount that could be offered to them.

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure responded that there is a bulky waste collection service and there isn't a discount offered to disabled people. They have bench marked the current charge with what other Council's charge and they don't think it is an expensive service. He explained they can't go into the house to get items but the team will help where possible if it can be brought to an access point at the property.

Councillor Rigby queried whether an elderly person on their own could be helped by Council staff getting a fridge or freezer out of their property.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services confirmed that generally they collect items from outside the property and the person putting in the new fridge will take out the old one or members of family will assist with this. However, if a resident contacted them for assistance then they would of course look into how they could help.

Councillor Redsell commented that MIND or CVS have got people who will help elderly residents get things downstairs or outside their property.

Councillor Chukwu thanked the Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure and The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services and acknowledged that when issues are brought to them they attend to them. He questioned whether the proposed plan for fortnightly collection of green bins is still going to take place.

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure responded that firstly they want to ensure that operations are running correctly before they start any communications to residents.

Councillor Chukwu questioned how larger families will cope with this.

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure explained that he lives in Maldon and there are 4 adults and 1 child in his household and they have fortnightly collections for refuse and recycling and a weekly collection for food waste and the bin he has is smaller than the ones in Thurrock and that in his opinion once you separate out the food waste and recycle as much as you can, your refuse is reduced and he hasn't experienced any capacity issues.

Councillor Redsell asked if they could ask the Street cleansing team to enter garage turnings if there is rubbish down there. Councillor Redsell remarked that she knows that they will probably say that it is Housing land and not Highways but they need to join up.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services responded that they do clear from some parts of Housing land but they would assume if there is a care taker service that they would be doing this. They are also happy to report issues through to Housing.

Councillor Redsell noted the team work hard and she appreciates the work they do.

Councillor Thandi also commented that he sees the street cleaning team every day and notes the job they are doing and that the Borough is very clean compared to others. Councillor Thandi also noted the previous protests with bins not been collected and that it is back on track and thanked the Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure for this.

Councillor Redsell stated that most of the things that let us down is Essex County / highways and lorries coming off the M25 on to the A13 chucking out rubbish.

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure confirmed it is National Highways that owns and maintains a fair portion of the A13 and that the Council has spoken to them about how untidy their section of the A13 is but he acknowledged that the terms of the contact National Highways has with their contractor means that it can get dirtier than we would like it to before they have to respond.

Councillor Pearce highlighted that there is little row of cottages on Aveley High street and they have been asked to put their black sacks on the edge of Dacre Avenue until they can get a recycling bin there. It is not a good place as its right near the high street and foxes are ripping the bags open and it is also now attracting fly tipping. Councillor Pearce confirmed that one of the Aveley Councillors has cleared the rubbish as it was getting so disgusting.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services presented the slides for Management of the Environment and Parks, Open Spaces and Cemeteries slide.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services clarified in response to Councillor Chukwu's earlier question that he has checked and there are two street cleaners in Chadwell.

Councillor Redsell asked how many cemeteries are locked at night and how many are not.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services responded that currently they are not locking cemeteries at night, a trial took place and it was established that it did not affect the levels of anti-social behaviour. He confirmed that they have never locked pedestrian walk-ways through cemeteries. If they get a spike in anti-social behaviour he is happy to look at that again and what measures can be put in place through engagement with the police, CCTV or gating and in particular he would like to look at automated gating. He would like to keep the cemeteries open as late as possible for those who work during the week to be able to visit the cemetery after work.

Councillor Redsell had complaints about Chadwell cemetery and that there were reports they had guns in there.

Councillor Muldowney confirmed two incidents have been reported. It has been reported that there are a group of friends who only like to go there at night to visit but this can be as late as 11pm. There have also been reports of a gun shot being heard and a woman screaming.

Councillor Muldowney questioned why the pedestrian gates cannot be locked.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services clarified that staff locking the gates would be required to do this at the end of their working day and that would be approximately 3.30pm Monday to Thursday and 3pm on Fridays and this would mean people who work during the week would not be able to visit their loved ones.

Councillor Muldowney asked if volunteer residents could lock the gates. The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services responded that if residents didn't open or close the gates, it would cause far more issues with complaints than leaving them open and unfortunately sometimes residents are not always reliable. He stated that if they are looking at the issue of locking gates, he would like to look at new technology such as automated gating if this was absolutely necessary and if it is cost effective to do so.

Councillor Rigby commented that she was interested to see that Langdon Hills comes under Thurrock.

The Strategic Lead for Public Protection responded that when Thurrock became a unitary authority we had to have a certain amount of Country Park so Langdon Hills was allocated.

Councillor Chukwu noted that the slide in Wickham park has been removed and parents have raised that it has not been replaced.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services stated that he will discuss this with the team manager for play and get back to Councillor Chukwu with a response on this matter.

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure presented the Sports Development slide.

Councillor Redsell asked if some of the football teams could start playing on the heath as £350,000 of Section 106 money was used to put new changing rooms in there and football is overtaking Blackshots and problems arise with people parking over driveways. Councillor Redsell queried if people were aware of the Heath and the facilities that are there.

Councillor Muldowney highlighted that there are regular matches on the Heath, and they also have problems with parking and littering. Councillor Muldowney confirmed that she has reported incidents of littering.

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure confirmed that they do write to the clubs and remind them of their responsibilities to take away litter.

Councillor Muldowney asked about proposals to develop play facilities in the Borough and highlighted the importance of this for children's development especially after covid and to fit in with the obesity strategy.

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure responded to clarify that there is some crossover in roles as the Strategic Lead for Clean and Green

Services carries out the maintenance of the areas and the Recreation and Leisure Services Manager looks at the development of parks and open spaces, additional funding and improving the sites.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services confirmed that he works closely with the Recreation and Leisure Services Manager and they are working on a document to go into the portfolio holder. Sites are being assessed for their play value, They are looking at the play value, what they have and if it is in the best place and if there is potential for redistribution.

Councillor Chuwku raised the issue of Grays Athletic football club and that they have no stadium or land and questioned if this issue could be raised at this Committee.

Councillor Redsell confirmed that Grays Athletic football club have asked if they can speak at this Committee so they can give their views on what they would like.

Councillor Thandi asked how many 3g pitches the Council own?

The Assistant Director for Street Scene and Leisure replied that at the moment none but they are looking at introducing 2 maybe 3.

The Strategic Lead Enforcement and Community Protection presented the Management of the Environment slide.

Councillor Muldowney questioned what constitutes a fly tipping hotspot that would trigger the use of CCTV.

The Strategic Lead Enforcement and Community Protection responded that they look at data and stats and for areas where they know regular fly tipping is occurring they will identify it as a hot spot.

Councillor Rigby asked about overgrowing hedges and if they are routinely checked.

The Strategic Lead Enforcement and Community Protection confirmed they deal with overgrown hedges when they receive complaints and they respond to those complaints and also if this is noted whilst the team are on other jobs but they are not routinely checked.

At 21.05pm, The Strategic Lead Enforcement and Community Protection left the meeting.

The Strategic Lead for Public Protection presented the Environmental Protection, Consumer Protection and Trading Standards, Licensing and Animal Welfare slides.

Councillor Redsell ask if the Council has employed an officer for air quality control.

The Strategic Lead for Public Protection confirmed that they have done this.

Councillor Chuwu left the meeting at 21.12pm and returned to the meeting at 21.15pm.

Councillor Thandi asked if Thurrock is the 4th or 5th worst Borough in the country for air pollution?

The Strategic Lead for Public Protection explained that it depends how you measure it and clarified that we do have some pollution areas due to the industrial heritage in the area.

Councillor Rigby queried in relation to the slide on animal welfare where it states that dead animals will be removed by the council and disposed of, if this was the case with cats who have been chipped.

The Strategic Lead for Public Protection confirmed they would try and notify the owner of a cat if it was chipped and would not dispose of the body and try and return it to the owner. He clarified that it is usually foxes and badgers that they are dealing with.

Councillor Rigby requested that the slide is amended in that regard.

At 21.22 the Committee agreed to raise Standing Orders so the meeting could continue beyond 9.30pm

6. Abandoned Trolley Cost Recovery Policy

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services introduced the report and confirmed that it is his recommendation that the Committee support his recommendation to Cabinet to adopt the abandoned Trolleys policy. He confirmed there will still be a number of processes to follow and there will be a consultation with stores and other interested parties and local retailers prior to consideration of the adoption of these powers.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services clarified that he hopes it will act as a mechanism to get compliance from stores and that it is not a money making scheme. It puts the onus back on the retailer and it is also beneficial for them as the trolley is worth more than the fee to recover them.

Councillor Pearce questioned where they would store the trolleys recovered.

The Strategic Lead for Clean and Green Services confirmed that they had a couple of sites in the area where they could store them. They would need to take pictures in situ, tag each trolley and notify the stores. Once they have agreement that this policy is going to be pursued these details would be clarified.

Councillor Muldowney commented that it is a sensible policy and she likes that it is putting the onus back on the stores to manage their trollies rather than it being down to the Local Authority.

RESOLVED

That the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee support the recommendation to Cabinet, and the initiation of the process for the adoption of the new abandoned trolley cost recovery policy.

7. Work Programme

Councillor Muldowney requested a report on air quality.

The Environmental Health and Trading Standards Manager agreed this could be prepared for the November meeting.

It was also queried whether this Committee would be the correct one to consider the issue of Grays Athletic Football club stadium.

The meeting finished at 9.37 pm

Approved as a true and correct record

CHAIR

DATE

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