



*St Edmundsbury*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# B347

## Cabinet 1 December 2010

### West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Services Joint Committee: 22 October 2010 (Dec10/01)

*(The following is a summary of the decisions taken by the Joint Committee.  
This is for information only and no decisions are required by the Cabinet.)*

**Cabinet Members:**  
*Cllrs David Ray and Peter Stevens*

**Vice Chairman of the Joint  
Committee:** *Cllr Peter Stevens*

#### **1. Progress on delivering the 2010/2011 Joint Waste Service Plan (Report JWC10/028)**

RESOLVED:- That

- (1) the progress made to date against the projects identified in the Joint Service Plan 2010/2011, be noted; and
- (2) the current performance in relation to the national performance indicators, be noted.

The key issues were reported, including the changes to the Performance Indicators and the vision and purpose was confirmed as being; to work in partnership and provide value for money in the delivery of efficient, responsive and accessible services whilst striving for continuous improvement. The nine Service Plan actions were discussed and the key areas of progress noted. It was confirmed that the Suffolk wide 'Suffolk Streets Ahead' project would be completed by December 2010.

The Vice-Chairman congratulated the joint partnership on its achievements so far, co-operation levels had been excellent and it was hoped that further improvements would be undertaken to achieve greater unity. The Chairman echoed this sentiment and Officers agreed that a positive working relationship existed between the Officers of both authorities and work would continue to achieve a combined service for the benefit of the public.

## **2. Cleansing Review (Report JWC10/029)**

RESOLVED:- That

- (1) a project to undertake a comprehensive review of the cleansing services be approved; and
- (2) a detailed project update be submitted to the next meeting of the West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Services Joint Committee and decisions on any options be brought forward which could have implications in terms of an impact to residents, businesses or partner organisations.

The report proposed that a comprehensive strategic and operational review of cleansing be undertaken. The review with aim to make the service higher performing, more consistent and more cost effective. It also sought to increase joint working and collaboration on cleansing strategy and operations across the two Councils.

Ten major common issues had been identified, which includes the frequency of cleansing, consistency in service levels and the responsiveness of unplanned incident cleansing. The four major work streams of the review were identified as being, street cleansing, channel sweeping, dog and litter bins and strategy and policy and attached at Appendix A to Report No JWC10/029 were the work streams, shown in more detail.

## **3. Hazardous Waste Collection and Disposal (Report JWC10/030)**

RESOLVED:-

That the collection of hazardous waste from residents in St Edmundsbury (where the waste collected cannot be recycled safely) be undertaken by the Suffolk County Council contractor and the £32 cost of collection being recharged to applicants, be approved.

The report sought Member approval for St Edmundsbury to use the Suffolk County Council contractor to collect, on request, hazardous waste from residential properties and recharge the cost of £32 to the applicant.

## **4. Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) Review of Waste Policy: Joint Response to Consultation (Report JWC10/031)**

RESOLVED:-

That following review by the Member Champion and Portfolio Holder for FHDC and SEBC respectively, the joint response made to Defra for the consultation on the Review of Waste Policy, be noted, prior to it having been sent to Defra by the 7 October 2010 deadline.

Defra were undertaking a review of waste policy and delivery in England. The review will look at all aspects of waste with the aim of taking the right steps towards a 'zero waste economy'. Consultation had closed on 7 October 2010 and early results will be made available by Defra in the Spring of 2011. A copy of the

joint response to the consultation submitted on behalf of Forest Heath District Council and St Edmundsbury Borough Council was attached at Appendix A to Report JWC10/031.

The document had been reviewed by Councillor Tony Simmons (Member Champion for Street Scene, Waste and Environment, FHDC) and Councillor Peter Stevens (Portfolio Holder for Environment and Street Scene, SEBC) prior to being sent to Defra by the 7 October 2010 deadline.

#### **5. Fleet Managed Tyre Contract (Report JWC10/032)**

RESOLVED:-

That officers negotiate a 24 month extension to the existing managed Tyre Contracts be approved.

The report sought Member approval for St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Forest Heath District Council (acting as members of the Partnering Arrangements for the provision of Waste and Street Scene Services), to each extend their current Managed Tyre Contract for their heavy vehicle commercial fleets for a further 24 months as allowed for in the Contracts.

#### **6. Update on the Joint Waste Collection Round Reorganisation (Report JWC10/033X)**

RESOLVED:- That

- (1) the project to redesign the waste collection rounds had been delivered on time, with little disruption and within the budget, be noted; and
- (2) the update on the progress of the Cleansing Review, as detailed in Paragraph 19 to Report JWC10/033X, be noted.

A comprehensive design of the domestic waste collection rounds across Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury had now been completed following Suffolk County Council's award of a new contract for the transfer and disposal of residual (black bin) waste in West Suffolk. The progress on the project as well as the outline of future activities and timescales was detailed.

The new waste collection rounds had commenced on 28 June 2010 when the collections as per the new maps and route sheets had been implemented. All residents had received letters advising them prior to the change and a breakdown of the facts and figures relating to the calls received by the dedicated telephone hotline were discussed. A close out report was attached at Appendix B to Report JWC10/033X which detailed the savings in respect of wages and fuel made by the reorganisation of the waste collection rounds and clear actions resulting from the project.