



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

C423

Cabinet 28 March 2012

West Suffolk Waste and Street Scene Services Joint Committee: 23 March 2012 (Apr12/07)

*(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 at this
stage)*

Cabinet Members:

Cllrs David Ray and Peter Stevens

Chairman of the Joint Committee:

Cllr Peter Stevens

1. Joint Service Plan 2012/2013 (Report C403)

RESOLVED:-

That the Joint Service Plan for 2012/2013, attached as Appendix 1 to Report C403, be approved.

The Joint Service Plan is intended to aid the integration of service delivery and enable the Joint Committee to manage and oversee the delivery of services in accordance with the Partnering Agreement.

Appendix 1 to the report is the draft Joint Service Plan for 2012/2013 and includes the six sections listed below:-

- (1) key service objectives and delivering shared services;
- (2) service delivery and developments 2012 onwards;
- (3) equality delivery plan;
- (4) workforce planning;
- (5) performance measurement; and
- (6) budget.

The Joint Service Plan is intended to be an evolving document, and will be updated, in relation to project areas and progress, and reported to the Joint Committee quarterly.

The majority of actions listed within the Plan will be delivered within existing resources. However, the ongoing development of the Service Plan will be influenced by decisions relating to the 2012/2013 budget, and the need to identify and deliver savings as part of the medium term financial planning. The partnership will continue to identify and pursue savings opportunities, while streamlining processes to ensure service robustness.

2. Proposed Improvements for the Provision of Litter and Dog Bins (Report C405)

RESOLVED:- That

- (1) where bin emptying charges are made, a consistent charge of £2.65 per empty from 1 April 2013, increasing annually in line with inflation, be approved; and**
- (2) the proposed approach and options for consultation, as outlined in Section 25 of Report C405, be approved.**

Both Councils currently provide, maintain and empty over 1,500 bins. The bin network and its servicing, therefore, represents a significant ongoing commitment to the Councils through the supply, installation and maintenance of bins. However, it is noted that the provision of litter bins reduces the requirement of a greater frequency of more expensive litter picking, and provides convenient points for the public to manage their waste.

Results from the recent consultation with Parish and Town Councils identifies that 68% of parishes considered that dog litter bins are in the right location. However, officers have identified that greater efficiencies to the network can be made as there are currently a number of inconsistencies and limitations across the dog and litter bin network.

The report details 11 key issues that need to be addressed. Further investigatory and operational changes pertaining to the provision of dog and litter bins are in hand, and being progressed. Actions undertaken by both Councils are detailed in the report.

In order to achieve a level of standardisation of supplied bins, and provide common options for the servicing and charging of bins, officers have developed an outline specification of bin types from designated suppliers. Examples of suitable bins are summarised in Appendix 1 to the report.

Where charges are currently made to Parish and Town Councils for emptying of litter and dog bins, it is proposed that these should be standardised at the consistent rate of £2.65 per empty by 1 April 2013, and increase annually in line with inflation thereafter.

Over a period of time it is intended to carry out a review and consultation in each Parish and Town Council area. The programme for this will be based on available resources, operational or cleansing issues or the need of individual Parish and Town Councils. It is proposed that a review of this type and discussions with stakeholders will be based upon five potential future options.