

Cabinet



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Title of Report:	Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 11 November 2015	
Report No:	CAB/SE/15/076	
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Purpose of report:	<p>On 11 November 2015, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) Presentation from Streetkleen Bio Ltd on their PooPrints DNA Programme;(2) Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Operations;(3) Christmas Fayre Review;(4) Car Parking Task and Finish Review Group; - Final Report(5) Directed Surveillance Authorised Applications (Quarter 2); and(6) Decisions Plan: November 2015 to May 2016;(7) Work Programme Update. <p>Separate reports are included on this Cabinet agenda for Items (3) and (4) above.</p>	

Recommendation:	The Cabinet is requested to <u>NOTE</u> the contents of Report CAB/SE/15/076, being the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.		
Key Decision: <i>(Check the appropriate box and delete all those that do not apply.)</i>	<i>Is this a Key Decision and, if so, under which definition?</i> Yes, it is a Key Decision - <input type="checkbox"/> No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report for information only.		
Consultation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Reports listed under background papers below 		
Alternative option(s):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Reports listed under background papers below 		
Implications:			
<i>Are there any financial implications? If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See Reports listed under background papers below 	
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Risk/opportunity assessment: <i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>			
Risk area	Inherent level of risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual risk (after controls)
See Reports listed under background papers below			
Ward(s) affected:		All Wards	
Background papers: <i>(all background papers are to be published on the website and a link included)</i>		Report OAS/SE/15/015 - Presentation by the Cabinet Member for Operations Report OAS/SE/15/018 - Appendix 1 Decisions Plan: November 2015 to May 2016 Report OAS/SE/15/019 - Work Programme Update	
Documents attached:		None	

1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation

1.1 Presentation from Streetkleen Bio Ltd

1.1.1 The Committee received a presentation from Gary Downie (Managing Director) from Streetkleen Bio Limited who had been invited to the meeting to give a short presentation outlining the PooPrints Dog DNA programme and to answer questions from the Committee. The presentation set out:

- What is PooPrint
- Rationale for Dog DNA Registration
- A Blueprint of overall service
- Communication of the proposition
- Engaging with key stakeholders (RSPCA/Local authorities)
- Timeline and recommended next steps.

1.1.2 The Committee discussed the presentation in detail and asked a number of questions of Gary Downie, to which comprehensive responses were provided. In particular, discussions were held on the DNA registration process and costs.

Members agreed that DNA registration was a good idea, but it needed to be made compulsory as it was felt that irresponsible dog owners would not register their dog(s).

Members also discussed the cost solution and sampling versus prosecutions.

1.1.3 The Committee found the presentation enlightening and it enabled the Committee to form its own opinion on the merits of the scheme and felt certain that in time PooPrints would be used extensively.

1.1.4 There being no decision required, the Committee **noted** the contents of the presentation.

1.2 Presentation by the Portfolio Holder for Operations (Report No: OAS/SE/15/015)

1.2.1 As set out in the Council's Constitution, at every ordinary Overview and Scrutiny meeting at least one Cabinet Member shall be invited to attend to give an account of his or her portfolio and to answer questions from the Committee.

1.2.2 Report No: OAS/SE/15/015 set out the overall responsibilities of the Cabinet Member for Operations who had been invited to the meeting to discuss his portfolio.

1.2.3 The Committee discussed the presentation and asked a number of questions of the Cabinet Member to which comprehensive responses were provided. In particular discussions were held on:

- (1) **Street lighting** – the Council was looking to reduce the operational cost of street lights by upgrading the Borough owned street lights so that the majority of them could be transferred to Suffolk County Council Highways

and those remaining with the Borough would be cheaper to run.

- (2) **Waste transfer stations** - the Council currently used three waste transfer stations (Thetford; Red Lodge and Haverhill). As and when the West Suffolk Operational Hub was operational, one transfer station would be located in the Bury St Edmunds area with the intention of retaining the Haverhill site.
- (3) **A14 cleansing** - it was acknowledged this was an issue. The service continued to maintain a full team clearing the A14 and A11, and continues to seek to work more closely with the Highways Agency in co-ordinating cleansing when road closures were in place.
- (4) **CCTV** - a Member tour was being organised to enable Members to look at the new CCTV set-up at West Suffolk House.
- (5) **Tree ownership** - officers confirmed there was a definitive map available showing who owned what trees. The Council also had a tree maintenance programme.
- (6) **Late grass cutting** - the Council had a policy on late grass cutting and officers agreed to provide a written response on further grass cutting scheduled in 2015.

1.2.4 There being no decision required, the Committee **noted** the contents of the presentation.

1.3 **Directed Surveillance Authorised Applications (Quarter 2) (Verbal)**

1.3.1 The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) Order 2010 requires that Members should scrutinise the authority's use of its surveillance powers on a quarterly basis. In June 2010 it was agreed that this requirement should be fulfilled by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

1.3.2 The Monitoring Officer had advised that in Quarter 2 no such surveillance had been authorised.

1.4 **Decisions Plan November 2015 to May 2016 (Report No: OAS/SE/15/018)**

1.4.1 The Committee considered the latest Decisions Plan, covering the period November 2015 to May 2016. Members reviewed the Decisions Plan in detail and asked a number of questions to which responses were provided.

1.4.2 There being no decision required, the Committee **noted** the contents of the Decisions Plan.

1.5 **Work Programme Update (Report No: OAS/SE/15/0019)**

1.5.1 The Committee received Report No: OAS/SE/15/019, which provided an update on the current status of the Committee's Work Programme and the Task and Finish Groups appointed by the Committee.

- 1.5.2 Members were reminded to complete the Work Programme Suggestion Form when submitting future items for potential scrutiny. This enabled suggestions received to be initially considered by the Committee at each meeting and if accepted included within its forward work programme.
- 1.5.3 The Committee considered the report and there being no decision required, **noted** the items currently expected to be presented to the Committee during 2016.