

Stourbridge Area Committee - 27th September 2010

Report of the Area Liaison Officer

Responses to Questions

Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Committee of written responses made to questions asked at a previous meeting.

Background

2. At a meeting of this Committee held on 28th June 2010, it was indicated that written replies would be sent to the questioners on the following questions:
3. A member of the public complained that they had not received a written response to comments made at a previous meeting, regarding recycling issues, including the possibility of reuse facilities at the Stourbridge Civic Amenity site and the future plans for the car parking area in Birmingham Street.
4. The Assistant Director for Planning and Environmental Health has had the written response sent to the questioner advising of the termination dates of the Council's contracts for newspaper and magazines, glass bottles and jars and mixed food and drink cans. The issue of reuse facilities at the civic amenity site was still being investigated, including the need for a waste management licence.
5. Concerns were expressed regarding possible future recycling of plastic, bottle and cardboard.
6. The Waste Minimisation and Education Officer has written to the questioner advising of the details of a proposed trial to allow the recycling of plastic bottles and cardboard, scheduled to commence in spring 2010. If the trial proved successful it would be rolled out borough wide.
7. A member of the public raised concerns regarding the recent withdrawal of the Stourbridge-Withymoor-Merry Hill-Russells Hall Hospital bus service.
8. Following communications with Centro, The Group Engineer, Traffic and Road Safety has written to the questioner, informing on the information received from Centro regarding proposals by Hansons to operate a Monday to Friday bus route along the same line as the route between Merry Hill Centre and Stourbridge.

Centro would fund the Saturday service which would mean that visitors to Russells Hall Hospital from Withymoor Village area would have to change buses at Merry Hill from the 287 bus to the 222 bus, which will run every ten minutes.

9. A member of the public enquired whether a compromise could be reached regarding proposals to install double yellow lines in Mount Road and Mount Street, Stourbridge.
10. The Group Engineer, Traffic and Road Safety has written to the member of the public advising that the enquiry would be treated as a formal objection to the proposal for yellow lines in Mount Road and Mount Street and an investigation would be conducted on the need for on street parking provision and a report on the findings would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.
11. A member of the public queried the balance stated for the capital allocations budget report. In response, the Treasurer has sent a tabulated response, advising that the figures reported in the budget report did not include the grant to the empty shops grant and two other adjustments which were brought about as a result of a slight difference to the amounts claimed against the amounts requested. These would be adjusted in the schedule submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

Finance

12. There are no direct financial consequences arising from this report.

Law

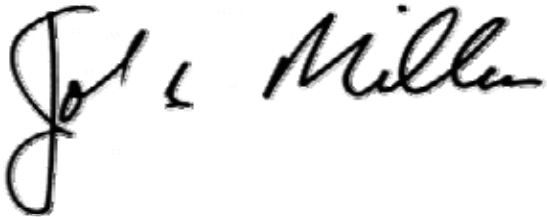
13. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

Equality Impact

14. The report takes into account the Council's Policies on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

15. The Committee is recommended to note the contents of this report.



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List of Background Papers:

Question slips handed in at previous meetings of the Stourbridge Area Committee.
Correspondence sent in response by Council Officers.