

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
HEALTH AND WELLBEING POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MONDAY 24 OCTOBER, 2011 AT 4.00 P.M.
IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK

PART 1

PRESENT: Councillors

Todd, R. (Chairman)
Gilbert, P. (Vice-Chairman)

Allt, Mrs. A.	Jones, R.
Bernard, Mrs. A.F.	Molineux, G.N.
Davis, Mrs. M.A.	

7. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. D.J. Bennett and Mrs. D. Grice and Mr. J. Bletcher, South Staffs Primary Care Trust.

8. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restriction on Voting by Members

There were no interests declared.

9. Minutes

Mr. S. Shilcock, Head of Environmental Health referred to Minute 5 and advised Members that the Council were consulted in 2009 in respect of the operating hours for the anaerobic digestion facility at the Poplars Landfill site. The permission was granted through Staffordshire County Council's Planning Committee with permission to operate and receive deliveries until 9.00 p.m. every night. The operation of the site is regulated by the Environment Agency. It was also reported that all environmental assessments carried out by the applicants as part of the planning process were found to be satisfactory.

A Member referred to a recent Poplars Liaison Committee meeting and reported that she had received a document which detailed all deliveries going to the site which was available for Members to view should they wish to. She also advised Members that the site share a driveway with the logistics company DHL which may have had a wide load going to their depot on the night in question.

The Head of Environmental Health reported that following conversations with the Manager

at the site, it had been confirmed that there had been no escorted delivery going onto the tip itself. The vehicle had been seen entering the rear entrance and as already noted this entrance is shared with another premises. However, it was reported that South Staffordshire District Council currently park their refuse collection vehicles at the site over night. The vehicles are serviced in Stafford and occasionally a vehicle may be late back from servicing and would then enter the site out of hours to be parked.

AGREED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 August, 2011 be approved as a correct record.

10. Health and Wellbeing Priority Delivery Plan 2011-12

Consideration was given to the Health and Wellbeing Priority Delivery Plan 2011-12 Performance Outturn for Quarter 1 Active and Healthy Lifestyles.

The Head of Environmental Health reported on the first quarter where 95.4% of premises were broadly compliant with legal requirements against the annual target of 96%, although he explained fluctuations could occur over the year but indications were that the target would be met. He explained that when food hygiene inspections were carried out a risk rating was undertaken by the inspecting Officer. There was a risk rating available for every premises within the District.

A Member asked if GPs provided information to the Council in respect of cases where it was likely that a patient was ill due to contamination from a food premises. The Head of Environmental Health explained that the Health Protection Agency would first be notified and then it would be reported to the Council. A detailed food history of the person would be requested in order to identify any common sources of contamination.

In response to a question raised by a Member, the Head of Environmental Health could not provide figures at the meeting in respect of food poisoning cases, although he advised it was low. He also commented that there had been no recent instances with any of the premises being implicated with food poisoning. This showed the level of standards for food premises was good and the District recently had the highest level of compliance in Staffordshire.

11. Disabled Adaptations

Consideration was given to the Briefing Note of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 5.1 – 5.3 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Environmental Health presented the report and referred to Enclosure 5.3 the Table of Demand for Disabled Facilities Assistance and reported that some adaptations commenced in one year would carry over to the following year. He advised that referrals would be passed over quickly to the contractor, although delays in terms of planning consent could occur depending on the nature of the work needed.

Concern was raised by a Member in respect of the 40% funding for disabled facility grants for 2012/13 onwards which would result in less people having adaptations. Members also discussed how equipment such as stair lifts were discarded from properties when it was

no longer required.

The Head of Environmental Health reported that there was currently a waiting list for adaptations to Council owned properties, although it was intended that the list would be removed over a 3 year period. With regard to privately owned properties, there was no waiting list as this was held with Social Care and Health.

Members also discussed the length of time taken to carry out adaptations which was currently being reviewed and also discussed how individuals' needs were met.

AGREED:

That the Briefing Note on Disabled Adaptations, be noted.

12. Customer Satisfaction (Previously NI 182)

Consideration was given to the Briefing Note of the Head of Environmental Health (Enclosure 6.1 – 6.4 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Head of Environmental Health reported that the Council would continue to report on this indicator. He then referred to the customer survey responses which showed that the Council received exceptional customer feedback from visits to compliant and non compliant businesses, and indicated that the Council would continue to work with businesses in the District.

He also commented on a project which was being run through the Local Enterprise Partnership which involved the Council's Environmental Health and potentially other regulatory services.

A Member asked what the frequency was for inspections at food premises and if Health and Safety accompanied the Council on inspections. The Head of Environmental Health reported that it was dependent upon risks associated with the business, as a high risk business would incur a higher frequency of inspections. He also advised that the Health and Safety Executive undertook visits to larger, higher risk premises. The Council generally dealt with lower risk premises. In response to a members question he confirmed that the Health and Safety Executive would soon start to make charges for non compliant businesses.

AGREED:

That the Briefing Note on Customer Satisfaction, be noted.

CHAIRMAN

The meeting closed at 5.00 p.m.