

**CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2014 AT 4.00 P.M.**  
**IN THE CIVIC CENTRE, BEECROFT ROAD, CANNOCK**

**PART 1**

PRESENT:

Councillors

Dixon, D.I. (Chairman)  
Todd, R. (Vice-Chairman)

Davies, D.N.	Pearson, A.
Kraujalis, J.T.	Rowley, J.
Morgan, C.W.J.	Snape, P.A.

**26. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Miss M.A. Freeman, Ms. J.L. Jones and Mrs A. Spicer.

**27. Declarations of Interests of Members in Contracts and Other Matters and Restrictions on Voting by Members and Party Whip Declarations**

No declarations were received.

**28. Minutes**

Minute No. 23 – Achieving Excellence for Young People Briefing

The Corporate Director advised that the Staffordshire County Council Cabinet had approved proposals which would change how Youth services were delivered across the County, but the Council's Corporate Review Scrutiny Committee had called-in the decisions and were due to debate them on 15 April.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed.

**29. Quarter 3 Performance Report 2013-14**

Consideration was given the report of the Chief Executive (*presented by the Policy & Performance Manager*) (Item 4.1 – 4.74 of the Official Minutes of the Council).

The Corporate Director drew the Committee's attention to those indicators

which had not achieved target for the quarter:

Number of volunteering hours Target Q3 = 1,100

Only below target by 12.5 hours for the quarter, however overall hours were above target for the year to date and should surpass the annual target for the year.

Place (Housing) 3 - % of repairs appointments made and kept – Target 98%

Target missed by only 1%, however issues related to repairs appointments were being discussed through the Trade Union Consultative Forum.

Place (Housing) 15 - % of homeless decisions determined within 33 days – Target 75%

Target was missed by 3% which was due to the sudden death of a member of the team. A new officer has since been appointed, so the target should recover by the end of the year.

Councillor Snape thanked the Policy & Performance Manager for presenting the performance information in a clear style in the report.

### **30. Scrutiny Work Programme and Working Groups – Update**

Air Quality and Industrial Emissions Working Group

Councillor Kraujalis introduced the final report of the Working Group (Item 5.1 – 5.8 of the Official Minutes of the Council) and thanked Councillors J. Bernard, Miss J. Jones and M. Sutherland for being involved on the Working Group, and the Environmental Protection Manager for his help in developing the report.

Councillor R. Todd advised he had been informed that Severn Trent Water was considering closure of one of the Waste Water Treatment Works on the Longford Road due to it becoming inefficient to operate.

Councillor Rowley raised that the lifespan of the Biffa landfill site was being extended due recycling levels on the site being increased.

The Corporate Director also raised that as the Council was being directed to use the Four Ashes facility for residual waste disposal, this was also a factor in the lifespan of the Biffa site increasing.

*Councillor Snape left the meeting at this point and did not return.*

In respect of the Anaerobic Digester Plant, Councillor Morgan advised that the odours emanating from the site had reduced in recent years.

Councillor Kraujalis replied that whilst this was the case for residents in Rumer Hill, others living towards Heath Hayes were instead being affected due to layout changes made at the Plant.

Councillor Rowley suggested that Plants in other locations (such as Germany) should be looked at as they did not suffer the same problems of odour emissions as in Cannock.

Councillor Morgan requested that an additional recommendation be included in the report that Biffa be requested to use backup generators at the Anaerobic Digester Plant when power cuts occur to stop odours from the site being released out towards homes in the vicinity.

Councillor Kraujalis replied that this issue would be raised at the next meeting of the landfill site liaison committee.

RESOLVED:

That the report of the Air Quality Monitoring Group be approved and submitted to the July 2014 meeting of Cabinet for consideration.

### **31. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 28 July, 2014, 4:00pm

The meeting closed at 5:05pm

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CHAIRMAN