

BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting:- Thursday 20th October, 2016
at 2.00 p.m. (Committee Room No. 4)

A G E N D A

PART ONE

1. To note any items which the Chairman considers to be of an urgent nature.
2. To receive notice from Members who may wish to move any delegated matter non-delegated and which will be decided by a majority of Members present and voting at the meeting.

3. Admission of Public and Press

To consider whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the agenda.

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by Members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

5. Apologies for Absence/Attendance of Substitute Members.
6. Confirmation of Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September, 2016 (copy attached).
- (D) 7. Notification from NHS England Re: Procurement of Tier 4 Bariatric Surgery in the North West.
- (D) 8. Barrow Business Improvement District (BID).
- (D) 9. Egerton Court.

(D) 10. Friends of the Town Hall.

**NOTE (D) – Delegated
(R) – Referred**

Membership of Committee

Councillors Heath (Chairman)
Cassidy (Vice-Chairman)
Gill
Husband
McLeavy
Preston
Proffitt
L. Roberts
C. Thomson
M. A. Thomson
Wall
Williams

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BOROUGH OF BARROW IN FURNESS
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting, Thursday, 8th September, 2016
at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillors Heath (Chairman), Cassidy (Vice-Chairman), McLeavy (Minute Nos. 16 and 17 only), Preston, Proffitt, M. A. Thomson and Wall.

Officers Present:- John Penfold (Corporate Support Manager), Brooke Parsons (Corporate Support Assistant) and Paula Westwood (Democratic Services Officer - Member Support).

13 – Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Husband, C. Thomson and Williams.

14 – Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July, 2016 were taken as read and confirmed.

15 – Comparison of Recycling Credits for Quarter 1 2015/16 - 2016/17

The Corporate Support Manager provided comparable data for the Recycling Reward Credits for Quarter 1 in 2016/17 compared with the same period in 2015/16.

He advised the Committee that the Council received income for the separate collection of recycling; known as the Recycling Reward Scheme. In 2016/17 the Council had received £66 per tonne compared with £64.08 per tonne in 2015/16.

For Quarter 1 2016/17 the Council had received £160,593.84 from the Recycling Reward Scheme which was £787.29 higher than Quarter 1 in 2015/16. It was noted that if the Council had achieved the same amount of total recycling in Quarter 1 of 2016/17 as it did in Quarter 1 2015/16, the recycling reward value would have been £162,664.26.

A full breakdown of the recycling performance for various materials in 2015/16 and 2016/17 had been included in a table in the report. It was noted that the difference in tonnes of the total amount of materials recycled was 138.88 tonnes less in 2016/17 as it had been in 2015/16 where a total of 2464.61 tonnes had been recycled.

It was noted that over the last six months, on average the contamination rate had been 14.08% each month. An analysis from a Freedom of Information request had indicated that the amount of household waste being rejected for recycling in England had increased by over 84% within the last four years.

It was noted that contamination of recycling was an issue across the whole country and not just our locality and it had been suggested that the Recycling Officer could be utilised to educate the public to clean out their recyclates via promotions or advertisements. It was also considered that better collection methods and manned bringsites could potentially alleviate high contamination rates.

RESOLVED:- To note the information.

16 – Work Programme

The Corporate Support Manager reported that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in July had clashed with an important meeting of the Licensing Committee and a significant number of Members had been unable to attend and had sent substitutes. The Work Programme had been discussed at that meeting and an additional item had been added, namely: Issues relating to Egerton Court.

The rest of the Work Programme was as follows:-

Item	Topic	Scope of the review
1	Street cleanliness.	To review to Council's arrangements for working with the contractor to deliver a higher standard of street cleanliness. To ensure appropriate arrangements are in place to manage external factors the impact on street cleanliness e.g. seagulls and fly tipping.
2	Policy and strategy	Monitor the development of and performance against the council's key priorities.
3	Cemeteries	Establish a "Friends of the Cemetery Group". Review rules for dressing graves and cremation plots.
4	The Town Hall	Establish a "Friends of the Town Hall Group". Consider options to promote usage of the Town Hall
5	Estates and asset management.	To review arrangements for maximising income from our assets and the potential for the disposal of redundant assets.
6	Town centres development and supporting local traders.	Review arrangements for supporting local Traders in the current economic climate.

7	Highways and car parking	Review the provision of highways maintenance by Cumbria County Council. Review street lighting and on-street parking arrangements.
8	Economic Development, planning and development control.	Review arrangements for planning and economic development in light of the reduced funding as a result of the Government's deficit reduction programme. Ensure the Council still has appropriate arrangements in place to access development funding.
9	Housing strategy	Review availability of private sector and socially housing and consider partnership arrangements to ensure that the availability of housing in the borough meets demand.
10	Localised flooding	Collect information from other agencies to determine whether appropriate action is being taken to minimise the impact of localised flooding
11	Issues relating to Egerton Court	

Updates on Progress of each of the Items in the Work Programme

It was noted that Items 1 (Street Cleanliness) and 2 (Policy and Strategy) were standing items for this Committee.

Item 1 (Street Cleanliness). It was noted that the Streetcare Team had been working on Street Cleanliness focussing on deep cleans of specific areas and in some cases prosecuting people. It was also noted that from April 2017, the Council would no longer be responsible for weeds and it would become the responsibility of Cumbria County Council. It had been suggested that Members grouped together to address problems.

Item 3 (Friends of the Cemetery Group) had been established but had not yet met.

Item 4 (Friends of the Town Hall Group) had been established and had met on one occasion. The Committee had suggested that the Senior Steward be invited to the next meeting and also that a Work Group be established to discuss the remit of the Friends of the Town Hall Group and the possibility of adding external member organisations, for example, The Furness Abbey Fellowship to be part of the Group.

Item 6 (Town Centres Development and Supporting Local Traders). It was noted that Barrow had recently become a Business Improvement District (BID) and the Corporate Support Manager had recommended that this Committee monitored their initiatives, as reviewing the arrangements at this time may duplicate their efforts. The Committee

wanted to ensure that everybody would benefit from the BID and questioned how they could closely monitor their initiatives. The Corporate Support Manager advised that the Executive Director attended BID meetings and that he could provide a report for this Committee.

Item 7 (Highways and Car Parking). A car parking review had been carried out by the BIT Team to inform the Budget Strategy. Also, on-street car parking had been taken over by Cumbria County Council.

Item 10 (Localised Flooding). This was managed by Cumbria County Council's Making Space for Water Programme and the Environmental Health Enforcement Officer had previously provided a presentation to Members about how that worked..

Item 11 (Issues relating to Egerton Court). This item had been added to the Work Programme and Members of this Committee had attended a site visit on 3rd August to understand the issues. In order to improve the Streetscene of that area it had been suggested that the Council explored the potential of securing external funding from Central Government and the Private Sector. In addition, Councillor Proffitt had volunteered to be a representative on the Multi-Agency Partnership Group which had recently been established involving the Borough Council, County Council, Police, The Well Project and Barrow Island Community Trust and the Committee agreed to receive report/updates via him.

The Corporate Support Manager advised that there had been an external review on Cultural Services which had been undertaken to inform the Budget Strategy. This would be monitored by Members outside of the scrutiny function and as a result that item had been removed from the Work Programme. Councillor M. A. Thomson formally moved that Cultural Services be retained as part of the Work Programme and that this Committee should make a concerted effort to monitor the outsourcing of cultural services. This had been seconded by Councillor Cassidy, a vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed to retain Cultural Services as part of the Work Programme.

RESOLVED:- (i) To note the information and progress on each of the items within the Work Programme;

(ii) To agree that a Friends of the Town Hall Work Group be established comprising of the following Members:- Senior Steward and Councillors Heath, Husband, McLeavy, C. Thomson and M. A. Thomson;

(iii) To note that the Corporate Support Manager would request a report from the Executive Director regarding the Town Centre BID and their initiatives;

(iv) To agree that Councillor Proffitt would represent the Council on the Multi-Agency Partnership Group regarding Egerton Court and provide update reports to this Committee; and

(v) To agree that Cultural Services be retained in the Work Programme.

17 – Performance Management

The Corporate Support Manager provided Members with details of the Council's Performance Indicators for Quarter 1 2016/17 along with comparable data from Quarter 1 in 2015/16 as follows:-

Indicator	Q1 2015/16	Q1 2016/17
Average time to process new housing benefit claims		18 days
	17.3 days	15.2 days
Average time to process new council tax support claims		19 days
	16.7 days	15.5 days
Average time to process changes of circumstances for housing benefit claims		7 days
	5.9 days	6.2 days
Average time to process changes of circumstances for council tax support claims		6 days
	5.9 days	6.2 days
Park Leisure centre activity numbers	76,278	66,927
Dock museum visitor numbers	13,721	15,910
The forum ticket sales	12,882	14,433
Income from Pay and display ticket sales	£150,695.80	£124,412.19
Percentage of local land charges searches completed in 5 working days		100%
	97%	90.5%
Percentage of council tax collected		96.6%
	29.18%	28.87%
Percentage of NNDR collected		98.4%
	31.09%	32.32%
Average days of sickness per employee	1.54 days	1.78 days
Right to buy sales	7	11
Average household recycling percentage	34.80%	32.96%
Number of disabled facilities grants	20	11

Percentage of Planning applications processed; major applications in 13 weeks and others in 8 weeks		
Major		60%
	95%	86.6%
Minor		65%
	22.9%	57.2%
Other		80%
	74%	80%

It was noted that the Council had a performance management framework to help deliver their priorities as follows:-

1. **Housing** – The Council was committed to continuing to provide a greater choice of good quality housing and regenerate the oldest and poorest housing in the Borough.
2. **Regeneration and Public Realm** – The Council was committed to working with partners and service providers to enhance the built environment and public realm
3. **Local Economy** – The Council was committed to work on mitigating the effects of cuts in public spending, their impact on the local economy and working to secure a long term economic recovery for the community.
4. **Service Delivery** – The Council strived to provide good quality, efficient and effective services while reducing overall expenditure.

RESOLVED:- To note the information.

The meeting closed at 2.40 p.m.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE		Part One
Date of Meeting:	20th October, 2016	(D) Agenda Item 7
Reporting Officer:	Corporate Support Manager	
<p>Title: Notification from NHS England Re: Procurement of Tier 4 Bariatric Surgery in the North West</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions:</p> <p>To provide Members with notification from NHS England on procurement of bariatric surgery.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>To consider the procurement of Tier 4 Bariatric Surgery in the North West and note the report.</p>		

Report

North West Health for Complex Obesity (Bariatric) Surgery

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee have been considered to review the letter from the NHS Local Service Specialist which is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Background Papers

Nil



England

Specialised Commissioning
North West Hub
Bevan House
65 Stephenson Way
Wavertree Technology Park
Liverpool
L13 1HN

Our Ref: Bariatric 2016 07/10/2016

Date: 07/10/2016

FAO: North West Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Re: Procurement of Tier 4 Bariatric Surgery in the North West

Dear Sir/Madam,

Current contracts for Tier 4 Bariatric surgery across the North West will come to an end on the 31st of March 2017. In order to ensure timely procurement of the service NHS England in partnership with your local Clinical Commissioning Groups will be launching a service re-procurement week commencing 10th of October 2016.

NHS England Specialised Commissioning currently has commissioning responsibility for Tier 4 bariatric services in the North West. This responsibility is expected to move to Clinical Commissioning Groups by the end of the financial year with a view to ensuring seamless commissioning aligned with Tier 3 bariatric services already commissioned by Clinical Commissioning Groups.

As such the procurement of the Tier 4 bariatric surgery service is being managed jointly between NHS England who is providing the leadership and oversight and the Clinical Commissioning Groups. Patient representatives will also be involved in the scoring of the tender submissions.

The new service will be procured in line with the NHS England National service specification, which had been through NHS England's due diligence processes, with a few minor updates based on feedback received, to ensure clarity in the service requirements such as the link to local Tier 3 service provision.

There are currently two Tier 4 bariatric surgery service providers in the North West: Aintree University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust which link with individual Clinical Commissioning Group Tier 3 services, both of whom will be able to bid to provide the service again if they choose.

High quality care for all, now and for future generations

The outcome of the procurement will be shared with Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees in due course, if in the meantime you would like any further information please contact either your local Clinical Commissioning Group or myself directly.

Yours Sincerely,

Helen Ashcroft
Local Service Specialist

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	(D) Agenda Item 8
Date of Meeting: 20th October, 2016	
Reporting Officer: Corporate Support Manager	
Title: Barrow Business Improvement District (BID)	
Summary and Conclusions:	
To provide Members with an update.	
Recommendation:	
To note the report.	

Report

At the last meeting of this Committee Members had requested information about activities of the Barrow Business Improvement District. I will provide a verbal update at this meeting.

Background Papers

Nil

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	(D) Agenda Item 9
Date of Meeting: 20th October, 2016	
Reporting Officer: Corporate Support Manager	
<p>Title: Egerton Court</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions:</p> <p>To provide Members with an update on the progress of this review.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>To consider the information provided by Councillor Proffitt and take note of the report.</p>	

Report

This item had been added to the Work Programme and Members of this Committee had attended a site visit on 3rd August to understand the issues. In order to improve the Streetscene of that area it had been suggested that the Council explored the potential of securing external funding from Central Government and the Private Sector. In addition, Councillor Proffitt had volunteered to be a representative on the Multi-Agency Partnership Group which had recently been established involving the Borough Council, County Council, Police, The Well Project and Barrow Island Community Trust and the Committee agreed to receive report/updates via him.

Background Papers

Nil

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	(D) Agenda Item 10
Date of Meeting: 20th October, 2016	
Reporting Officer: Corporate Support Manager	
<p>Title: Friends of the Town Hall</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions:</p> <p>To provide Members with the updated work programme incorporating suggestions made at the meeting of this Committee in June.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>To consider the update from the Friends of the Town Hall group and agree a Chair for the group.</p>	

Report

At the last meeting of this Committee, Members agreed that the Friends of the Town Hall Group would meet and discuss further action to restart the group.

Since then, the Friends of the Town Hall have met and agreed that promoting guided tours is a good way to raise awareness of this excellent asset. A tour of the Town Hall has been scheduled for Friday 14th October 2016, and representatives from the North West Evening Mail have been invited.

As we develop the Friends of The Town Hall Group it would be beneficial for an elected Member to chair the group.

Background Papers

Nil