

ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE**19 March 2015 at 7.30 pm**

MEMBERS: Councillor Jill Whitehead (Chair), Councillor Nighat Piracha (Vice Chair) and Councillors Kevin Burke, *Colin Hall, Patrick McManus, Steve Penneck, *Hamish Pollock, Tony Shields, Paul Wingfield and Hanna Zuchowska.
(*Absent)

ATTENDED AS Councillor Manuel Abellan
SUBSTITUTE:

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATIONS OF SUBSTITUTES

Apologies were received from Councillors Colin Hall and Hamish Pollock.

Councillor Manuel Abellan substituted in Councillor Colin Hall's place.

33. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Steve Penneck declared an interest in Item 6 (Award of preferred bidder status for the provision of Household Reuse and Recycling Centre at Kimpton Park Way through the South London Waste Partnership) as his daughter works for the South London Waste Partnership.

35. ROADS TASK FORCE - UPDATE

The Committee considered a report on the Mayor of London's Roads Task Force (RTF) review which proposed a new roads classification system. Transport for London (TfL) had advised all London Boroughs to start work on classifying their highway network according to the RTF nine street types. Members were asked to agree draft street type classifications for Sutton.

The proposed intervention priorities outlined within the report would support better the "movement" and "place" functions for road users, and it was felt that changes to classifications in the future would be assisted by street type maps.

Officers confirmed that they did work with neighbouring boroughs on congestion issues which crossed borough boundaries, such as within Worcester Park (Royal Borough of Kingston on Thames).

Members suggested that it would be beneficial for some classifications not to be used within Sutton, as they were more relevant to Inner London Boroughs (i.e. the three City classifications). Officers commented that Transport for London (TfL) had not been clear as to the effect of the classifications. However, it had been implied that

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funding decisions would be based on the classifications in future. At present, the Council was leading the way with implementing the Roads Task Force project, which it was hoped would reflect well in future funding bids.

Officers agreed to reconsider the classification of Hackbridge following the increased emphasis on 'place' with the Heart of Hackbridge scheme. However, it was recognised that some places could have both a "place" and "movement" function, and projects could consider both aspects. Beddington Lane was a priority for the "movement" function and the Council was lobbying TfL to change its criteria for major schemes to allow industrial areas to be considered. Improvements were being made to Beddington Lane, as and when funds became available.

Resolved:

1. That the draft 'existing street types' classifications contained in Appendix B of the report be approved for consultation with relevant stakeholders.
2. That the proposed approach to highway scheme priorities contained in Section 4 of the report, and delegated authority to the Executive Head of Commissioning to develop an outline programme of proposed schemes based on Transport for London's Road Task Force guidance be approved.
3. That the Sustainable Transport Task & Finish Group consider the Transport for London's Road Task Force guidance and the implications for Sutton once published.

36. SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT STRATEGY

The Committee considered a report on the results of the public consultation on the Council's draft Sustainable Transport Strategy and the proposed changes to the document in response to the comments received.

The report further outlined the council's intention to commission a new borough Cycling Delivery Strategy to support the Sustainable Transport Strategy.

In response to questions, officers commented that it was desirable that 20mph zones should be self-enforcing through traffic calming measures, as it was not possible for the Police to enforce all areas due to resourcing constraints. Sutton's response to TfL's Roads Task Force initiative would be able to assist in identifying areas for possible 20mph zones and the appropriate traffic calming measures which were safe for cyclists also.

Future transport policy consultations would seek the views of younger residents more, through the Youth Parliament and other similar organisations, given that this age group are heavy users of public transport and are more likely to be pedestrians.

Members stressed that it was important that the smaller S buses were maintained on the side roads and "hail & ride" options kept along the length of their routes.

Members also felt that it was important that appropriate public transport was available for orbital journey patterns (such as the existing X26 express bus), including for cross Borough commuters. This should be an identified investment

priority in representations made by the Council to national and regional government, and in partnership with neighbouring boroughs.

An update on the situation for a possible extension of the tram to Sutton was given to members, and the Mayor of London was expected to make further announcements on his priorities by the end of 2015.

Members noted how important it was for schools and businesses to have actionable travel plans, with the increase in population, and programme of school expansions.

Members asked for representations to be made to the train operating companies/Network Rail in regard to disruptions at London Bridge which was effecting reliability on local train services.

Resolved:

1. That the proposed changes to the Sustainable Transport Strategy be approved.
2. That delegated authority to the Executive Head of Economic Development, Planning and Sustainability, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee to approve any final changes to the Strategy and its subsequent publication be approved.
3. That the commissioning and consultation on a draft Cycling Delivery Strategy be approved and that the Sustainable Transport Strategy Task and Finish Group oversee the production and consultation of this strategy, and consider general traffic calming measures across the borough.

37. AWARD OF PREFERRED BIDDER STATUS FOR THE PROVISION OF THE HOUSEHOLD REUSE AND RECYCLING CENTRE (HRRC) AT KIMPTON PARK WAY THROUGH THE SOUTH LONDON WASTE PARTNERSHIP (SLWP)

The Committee considered a report which sought approval for the selection of Veolia ES (UK) Limited as the preferred bidder for the provision of the Household Reuse and Recycling Centres currently managed by the four South London Waste Partnership boroughs.

An innovative feature of the new contract would be a new Reuse and Recycling Shop at Kimpton, for which an operator would be sought. This would help to boost rates of recycling.

Technology would be used to track trends in usage of Kimpton Park Way, which could enable the Council to provide details of quieter times to visit for the public. The tracking system would also be used to ensure that the site was not being used for unauthorised commercial waste. However, if it was found that a business case could be established to take commercial waste at the site, then this would be considered in the future.

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Resolved:

1. That the award of preferred bidder status be given to Veolia ES (UK) Limited for the provision of the Household Reuse and Recycling Centre at Kimpton Park Way for a period of seven years with the option to extend for a further seven years. This follows the recommendation from the Joint Waste Committee on 17 February 2015.
2. That SITA UK Limited be appointed as the Reserve Bidder, following the recommendation from the Joint Waste Committee on 17 February 2015
3. That following fine tuning discussions with the preferred bidder, delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Chair of Environment and Neighbourhood Committee to authorise the London Borough of Croydon to award the contract to Veolia ES (UK) Limited be approved.

The meeting ended at 9.00 pm

Chair:

Date: