

**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 3 APRIL 2007**

Present: Councillor A Burnip (Chair)  
Councillors B Burn, A Collinson, Mrs E M Connor,  
S Huntington, Mrs J Maitland, Mrs J Maslin,  
Mrs S Mason and R Taylor

1 **THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING** held on 13 March 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

2 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

(i) **Post Office Network Consultation (Minute no 2(i) refers)**

The Scrutiny Support Manager advised that following the District Councils response to the consultation on the future funding and structure arrangements of the Post Office Network correspondence had been received from J Cummings MP.

Members were advised that J Cummings noted and shared the concerns of the District Council and had signed an early day motion to resist the proposed reduction in the number of Post Offices.

**RESOLVED** that the information given, be noted.

3 **THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE** held on 20 March 2007, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the information contained within the Minutes, be noted.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

There were no members of the public present.

5 **CLEANSING AND MAINTENANCE OF BUS SHELTERS**

The Chair welcomed P Penman, Environmental Operations Manager who was in attendance at the meeting to discuss the cleansing and maintenance of bus shelters.

Members were advised that a full condition survey of all bus shelters within the district had been undertaken. Following a successful submission to the Capital Programme an additional £50,000 was allocated for the maintenance and upgrade of bus shelters in 2007/2008. With regard to where the additional finance would be spent a report was being prepared by the District Council's Engineers to identify where the works would be undertaken.

With regard to maintenance an internal Performance Indicator ensured that all emergency repairs were carried out within 24 hours of an order being issued and all non-urgent work within 7 working days. Performance to date in both categories was 100% and details of performance for the last quarter was still to be assessed.

BVPI 199 related to street cleansing and for the first three quarters of 2006/2007 performance had improved. It was hoped that the substantial improvements would continue and the District Council would progress towards moving into the top quartile for performance.

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Members were advised that anti-graffiti paint was being piloted on a number of shelters. To date the pilot had been successful and in future all new shelters would be sprayed with the anti graffiti paint.

The Chair pointed out that Adshell owned and maintained 40 shelters in the District and queried the condition of these shelters. P Penman advised that he was unaware of the condition of these shelters but stressed that the additional £50,000 would only be spent on council owned shelters.

Councillor S Huntington asked who was responsible for the on-going maintenance of shelters that were provided by Town/ Parish Councils and was there any finance available for new shelters. P Penman advised that the District Council were responsible for the on-going maintenance of the shelters no matter who had provided the initial funding. With regard to new shelters funding would be available in the next financial year.

Councillor Mrs E Conner queried if the anti graffiti paint being used on shelters was also fire retardant or if it could accelerate a fire. P Penman explained that the paint was fire retardant and would not accelerate a fire. The Perspex used in the shelters was difficult to ignite but was flammable. Hardened glass could be used but if vandalised could shatter.

Councillor Mrs E Connor queried what the policy was when shelters were so badly damaged they had to be removed. P Penman explained that normally the shelter would be replaced, however if vandals continually targeted a shelter then the council would consider inserting metal panels into the shelter. The amount of panels used would be limited so as not to enclose the whole shelter as this could encourage youths to congregate.

Councillor Mrs J Maitland asked if the anti graffiti paint could be used on old shelters or if it was only suitable for use with new shelters. P Penman advised that the paint was only effective if sprayed on to new Perspex, if the panel was vandalised or damaged the paint would not work.

Councillor A Collinson queried the cleaning schedule for shelters within the district. P Penman advised that all shelters in the district were checked on a weekly basis and all problems were reported and dealt with as soon as possible.

**RESOLVED** that: -

- (i) the information given, be noted
- (ii) P Penman prepare a further report in relation to the condition of the Adshell shelters in the district.

**6 COMMUNICATION AND PUBLICITY**

There were no items to report.

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