

Minutes

RESIDENTS' AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES POLICY OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

22 February 2017

Meeting held at Committee Room 4 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



Committee Members Present:

Councillors Michael White (Chairman), Michael Markham (Vice-Chairman), Mohinder Birah, Jas Dhot, Beulah East, Patricia Jackson, Allan Kauffman, Judy Kelly and Brian Stead.

Apologies:

Councillors Kuldeep Lakhmana (Councillor Beulah East) and John Morse (Councillor Mohinder Birah substituting).

Officers:

Wayne Greenshield (Street Scene Maintenance), Bill Hickson (Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team Manager), Noel Kelly (Planning Enforcement), Ian Meens (Licensing), Kiran Seyan (Trading Standards), Nathan Welch (Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team) and Khalid Ahmed (Democratic Services Manager).

35. TO CONFIRM THAT ALL ITEMS MARKED PART I WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PUBLIC AND THAT ANY ITEMS MARKED PART II WILL BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

It was confirmed that all items on the agenda would be considered in public.

36. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 JANUARY 2017

Agreed as an accurate record .

37. SHISHA BARS, LOUNGES AND CAFES

The Committee was provided with information from a number of officers from across various Council areas who gave Members their service perspective on the controls required for Shisha Bars.

Anti- Social Behaviour

The Committee was informed that officers would work with Shisha Bar owners if there had been anti-social behaviour outside establishments. With regard to licensed premises, most of the work of the team centred around noise nuisance and people congregating outside premises. To date there had been no complaints of anti-social behaviour in or outside Shisha Bars.

Licensing

The Committee was informed that shisha premises constructed on licensed premises should have conditions contained within their premise's licence which would enable Shisha Smoking to take place in an outside area. Joint working with other Council services could take place regarding the structure which was used for shisha smoking.

Reference was made to the possible use of legislation such as the Local Authority Act 1990 in relation to the possible shisha smoking which took place outside cafes and restaurants, on pavements. Conditions could possibly be applied to premises licences in relation to hygiene / cleanliness of shisha pipes.

Trading Standards

The controls which existed were in relation to the use of tobacco and the sale of tobacco to under 18s, the labelling of the tobacco products and the enforcement of non-duty paid tobacco. Reference was made to Shisha Smoking requiring the same health warning labelling as on cigarette packaging. This could possibly be done on the menu of the establishment and could have similar labelling to cigarettes, to make people aware of the associated health risks for Shisha Smoking.

The use of non-duty tobacco in shisha bars would ultimately be the responsibility of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HRMC), however, close collaboration took place with Trading Standards and HRMC, on drawing attention to any concerns.

Planning Enforcement

Members were informed that planning permission was required for the change of use of a property to a shisha lounge, and for any structure which was built to accommodate shisha pipe smoking.

In the absence of planning permission, such changes of use and structures were unauthorised and if they resulted in harm to the area, planning enforcement notices could be served on the owner and occupier.

The Council usually only became aware of such structures from complaints from residents. Members were informed that the structures became illegal after the expiry of the notice period.

A general discussion took place and particular reference was made to the public health risks associated with Shisha Smoking. Members were provided with a report commissioned by Westminster City Council which looked at the public health implications of Shisha Smoking and officers were asked to provide some feedback to the next meeting of the Committee on the recommendation contained in the report and whether

Action By:**Action By:**

	<p>they could be applied to Hillingdon.</p> <p>Members agreed that education was important, to Shisha Bar owners and to users, to highlight the health and safety risks associated with Shisha Smoking. The Committee asked that education also be extended to schools, to enable the potential dangers of Shisha Smoking to be communicated to young people.</p> <p>To improve joint working within all areas of the Council a shared updated list of Shisha Bars could be created. The involvement of the Anti- Social Behaviour Investigation Team's Out of Hours officers could help in terms of updating the list as and when new Shisha Bars were located.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That information provided from the witnesses be noted and be used as part of the evidence for the review. 2. That officers be asked to provide feedback on the recommendations contained in the Westminster report on the Public Health Implications of Shisha Smoking for the next meeting of the Committee. 	<p>Bill Hickson / Khalid Ahmed</p>
<p>38.</p>	<p>COUNCIL POLICY ON REPLACEMENT OF PAVING STONES</p> <p>The Committee was provided with a presentation on the Council policy of replacement of paving stones.</p> <p>There were 2,600 roads within the Borough with 800 miles of pavements.</p> <p>20 millimetres was the minimum requirement for intervention works to take place. The service had a set budget from which repairs were funded. Prioritisation of repairs took place based on condition surveys to assess the damage to the paving stone.</p> <p>Repairs were made on a like for like basis and consisted of mainly patching work. Major repairs to pavements would fall to the Major Projects Team within the Council.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the information provided be noted. 	
<p>39</p>	<p>FORWARD PLAN</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>Action By:</p>
<p>40.</p>	<p>WORK PROGRAMME</p>	

	<p>The Committee noted the report and asked that the update on Cemeteries be brought forward to the next meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p>Khalid Ahmed</p>
	<p>Meeting commenced at 5.30pm and closed at 6.50pm Next meeting: 22 March 2017 at 5.30pm</p>	

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Khalid Ahmed on 01895 250833. These minutes are circulated to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.