

# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## Waste & Street Scene Policy Committee

### Meeting held 13 March 2024

**PRESENT:** Councillors Joe Otten (Chair), Mark Jones (Deputy Chair), Alexi Dimond (Group Spokesperson), Sue Alston, Christine Gilligan Kubo, Tim Huggan, Mike Chaplin and Sioned-Mair Richards

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Tony Damms.

#### **2. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

2.1 It was noted that Appendices 1 and 3 to the report at item 13 on the agenda were not available to the public or press because they contained exempt information under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 [as amended]. If Members wished to discuss the exempt information, the Committee would ask the members of the public and press to kindly leave for that part of the meeting and the webcast would be paused.

#### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 There were no declarations of interest.

#### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14 February 2024 were approved as a correct record.

#### **5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

5.1 Four questions had been received from David Cronshaw. David Cronshaw did not attend the meeting to ask their questions therefore a written response would be provided.

5.2 Two questions had been received from Russell Johnson. Russell Johnson did not attend the meeting to ask their questions therefore a written response would be provided.

#### **6. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

6.1 There were no questions from Members of the Committee.

#### **7. WORK PROGRAMME**

7.1 The Principal Democratic Services Officer submitted a report containing the Committee's Work Programme which detailed all known, substantive agenda items for forthcoming meetings of the Committee to enable the Committee, other Committees, officers, partners and the public to plan their work with and for the

Committee.

7.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee:-

1. agrees the Committee's work programme, as set out in Appendix 1 be agreed, including any additions and amendments identified in Part 1;
2. considers the further additions or adjustments to the work programme presented at Part 2 of Appendix 1; and
3. considers any further issues to be explored by officers for inclusion in Part 2 of Appendix 1 of the next work programme report, for potential addition to the work programme.

## 8. **PARKING FEES AND CHARGES - AMENDMENT TO SUNDAY TARIFF**

8.1 The Parking Services Manager presented a report that sought approval for a minor amendment to the City Centre Sunday evening pay and display tariff introduced as part of a wider parking fees and charges decision at Waste and Street Scene Committee on the 14 February 2024.

8.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee approves the following amendment to the City Centre pay and display evening tariff on Sunday only, the evening tariff applies from 4.30pm-8.30pm:

1. Zone 1 – apply the existing rate of £1.45 per hour or £2 flat rate for more than an hour; and
2. Zone 2 and off street car parks – introduce a new rate of £1 for an hour, and £2 flat rate for more than an hour's parking.

### 8.3 **Reasons for Decision**

8.3.1 The tariff and fee changes approved by the Committee on 14th February 2024 will have the effect of better managing parking demand in areas and at times when demand is regularly and demonstrably outstripping supply. The Council has subsequently identified that one of the implications of this earlier decision will be to increase charges during a period in which there is lesser demand (the identified times on Sundays) and consequently the charge set is not considered commensurate with the traffic management purpose it is intended to fulfil. The proposed adjustment to the relevant charges will address that disparity.

### 8.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

8.4.1 The Council could maintain the current evening tariffs, but, with the information available, these are not thought to be appropriate or proportionate to achieve the aims of the proposed increases.

**9. 2023/24 QUARTER 3 BUDGET MONITORING**

9.1 The Head of Accounting presented a report that brought the Committee up to date with the Council's General Fund revenue outturn position for 2023/24 as at quarter 3.

9.2 The Committee requested that a report on the Fly Tipping Strategy be added to the Committee's Work Programme for the meeting in June.

9.3 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee notes the updated information and management actions on the 2023/24 Revenue Budget Outturn as described in this report.

**9.4 Reasons for Decision**

9.4.1 To record formally changes to the Revenue Budget.

**9.5 Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

9.5.1 The Council is required to both set a balanced budget and to ensure that in-year income and expenditure are balanced. No other alternatives were considered.

**10. SAFETY CERTIFICATION / SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) POLICY - SPORTS STADIA AND REGULATED STANDS**

10.1 The Sports Grounds and Events Lead Officer presented a report that informed members of the updated Safety Certification / Safety Advisory Group (SAG) Policy in relation to sports grounds and sought approval for the adoption of the revised policy.

10.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee approves the content of the revised Safety Certification / Safety Advisory Group (SAG) Policy Document attached at Appendix A.

**10.3 Reasons for Decision**

10.3.1 Following consultation with relevant partners, comments, suggestions and requests for amendments or additions have been considered and appropriately implemented into the proposed new document.

**10.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

10.4.1 The review was carried out to comply with a recommendation by the Council's internal auditors and reflect changes to industry best practice.

10.4.2 Failure to review would result in an outdated policy being in force.

**11. WASTE AND STREET SCENE COMMITTEE CLIMATE STATEMENT**

11.1 The Director of Street Scene and Regulations Services presented a report that set out the Statement of Climate Commitments relevant to the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee.

11.2 The Committee requested that officers ensure that there are projects prepared in anticipation of funding being made available.

11.3 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee considers and agrees their respective Climate Statement to ensure that the proposed actions contained in such statement are reflected in their Work Programme.

#### 11.4 **Reasons for Decision**

11.4.1 It is important that the response to the Annual Climate Progress Report is open and transparent in setting out the challenges which the local authority faces in making progress and clarifies future expectations on the part we all have to play in addressing climate change.

11.4.2 Committee do not currently have specific strategic goals for climate. The process required to develop these, and have the statements approved to be read at each committee meeting meant that option 5.2 was not feasible with the available resource and timeframe.

#### 11.5 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

11.5.1 Not providing committee climate statements considered due to the resource required to collate.

11.5.2 Providing more detailed Committee Climate Statements that provided an overview of strategic climate goals, with each Chair then reading the committees statement publicly at their respective committee meeting following release of the report.

## 12. **CIVIL PARKING, BUS LANE AND MOVING TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

12.1 The Parking Services Manager and Policy and Improvement Officer presented a report that sought approval for updates to the Civil Parking and Bus Lane Enforcement Policy to include moving traffic enforcement. The decision to implement enforcement of these powers had already been taken by the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee on 19 January 2023.

12.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee:

1. approves the updated Civil Parking, Moving Traffic and Bus Lane Enforcement Policy; and
2. grants a delegation to the Executive Director, City Futures to make minor

amendments to the table in the Moving Traffic Restrictions section in Appendix A of the policy, to reflect new or existing Traffic Regulation Orders.

### 12.3 **Reasons for Decision**

12.3.1 The Department for Transport sets out that civil enforcement policies should be consistent, fair and effective. The existing policies need updating to reflect current regulations and enforcement options available to the local authority.

12.3.2 It is recommended that Members approve the policy for the updated recommendations to be implemented in preparation for ANPR camera enforcement of moving traffic contraventions.

### 12.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

12.4.1 Leave the warning notice period for new bus gates at 1 month and enforce using the same contravention code as bus lanes.

12.4.2 The Council would need sufficient justification to depart from statutory guidance which anticipates that bus gates will become the subject of moving traffic enforcement (and the longer 6 month warning period). While choosing not to implement the proposals in this report would not be unlawful and would provide consistency and continuity with the Council's existing practice in respect of bus gates, this is deemed not to be sufficient justification to depart from the statutory guidance. It could also raise additional concerns regarding how PCNs issued in respect of bus gates may be treated by the Traffic Penalty Tribunal upon appeal.

## 13. **AMEY (STREETS AHEAD) CONTRACT PERFORMANCE**

13.1 The Assistant Director – Highways Maintenance submitted a report that provided an update on contract performance for Highways Maintenance between Sheffield City Council and Amey Hallam Highways (subcontracted to Amey LG (Amey)) as part of a Private Finance Initiative contract dated 31 July 2012 which is due to expire in 2037.

13.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee:

1. notes the Amey Contract Performance Report at closed Appendix 3;
2. notes the trials on new ways of working for street cleansing, leafing and planned drainage programmes;
3. notes that performance with customer responses is improving and the Authority continues to work with Amey to finalise an Action Plan; and
4. notes the areas of improvement to strengthen monitoring and auditing function.

**13.3 Reasons for Decision**

13.3.1 The reason for this report is for the Committee to note the points outlined above and in the closed Appendix 3 and note Officers proposed way forward.

**13.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

13.4.1 The report was for noting, there were no alternatives considered and rejected.