

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Waste & Street Scene Policy Committee

Meeting held 20 December 2023

PRESENT: Councillors Joe Otten (Chair), Alexi Dimond (Group Spokesperson), Sue Alston, Christine Gilligan Kubo, Tim Huggan, Mike Chaplin, Sioned-Mair Richards and Talib Hussain (Substitute Member)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Damms and Mark Jones. Councillor Talib Hussain attended as a substitute member.

2. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public.

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 15 November 2023 were approved as a correct record.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

5.1 Andy Buck attended the meeting and asked the following questions:

“1. My complaint of 24 March 2023

On 24 March I emailed Streets Ahead, thus:

“On Wednesday 22 March, one of your staff visited Chippinghouse Road. He marked one pothole with yellow paint. He then looked at and walked past several other potholes and left. Yesterday, 23 March, the one pothole he marked was filled, which is of course good - see attached photo.

At least some of the potholes he did not mark are hazardous, in particular to cyclists. See attached photos for three examples.

Why weren't these other potholes marked for repair? Could this now be done, please.”

This complaint was acknowledged on 28 March 2023. I have since been told on seven occasions that owing to ongoing investigations it has not been possible to respond to my concern. At the Committee on 27 September I was told that “many

of the points have been addressed in the Streets Ahead response dated 7 August” and that “the ongoing remaining issues ... will be responded to by October 2023”.

My concern was simple: why didn't the Streets Ahead member of staff mark up the other, hazardous potholes for repair?

Will the Council please ensure that I receive a response to this concern, and tell me by when I will receive this?

2. Shorter term maintenance of Chippinghouse Road

At the Committee on 27 September I asked “will the Council guarantee that Amey will repair all the sections of Chippinghouse Road marked up for repair on 15 September 2023 before the yellow markings fade and disappear.” The answer was unequivocal: “Yes, Amey have confirmed that they will repair all the sections marked up for repair.”

I have appended a page of photographs of the marked up sections of the street.

Three months have passed. The yellow markings are no more. No work has been done.

Will the Council please explain why the commitment made on 27 September has not been fulfilled, what steps you are taking to ensure that Amey does so, and by when the repairs will be completed.

3. Resurfacing of Chippinghouse Road and neighbouring streets

I am pleased to see that Chippinghouse Road is in phase 3 of the CIP design programme.

Will the Council please confirm that:

- a) The design process will be completed by 31 March 2024?
- b) Amey will definitely complete the required works by 31 March 2025?”

The Chair responded with the following answers:

1. A draft response has been compiled and provided to SCC, which will now be checked for SCC comments and sign off.

A condition survey was undertaken on 18 January 2022 and a routine safety inspection was undertaken on 2 December 2022.

Ad-hoc inspections were also undertaken on 19 January 2023, 22 March 2023, 3 May 2023 and 16 June 2023, following receipt of reports from members of the public.

The inspector carrying out the inspection on 22 March 2023 will have identified

defects requiring immediate intervention. Lesser defects would be left to be picked up as part of planned works.

During the condition surveys, issues identified are added to our bespoke software system which creates a condition score. The condition survey undertaken on 18 January 2022, identified overall failures on the section of carriageway from Abbeydale Road to Crescent Road.

Under the Streets Ahead contract the condition scores mean that when the average condition of a given road or section of road falls below these pre-set condition scores, any failures must be addressed.

As the data is run once a year, however, and the condition survey interval is every two years, there is often a delay before roads or sections of roads are eligible for works to be undertaken.

This is often why interim repairs are carried out to ensure that the road remains in a safe condition for all road users.

2. All category 1 defects have now been repaired and follow up works completed.

There have been delays due to this street being part of the outstanding CIP programme and an initial view that any non-urgent works should wait until the CIP programme has been completed however this has rightly been challenged as unacceptable and Amey will be carrying out an interim treatment to eliminate further defects until the fully designed scheme is completed by December 2025. This treatment will be carried out by March 2024.

Works were held in abeyance until the CIP programme was developed and pending an intermediate treatment solution being agreed.

3. It has been confirmed with Amey that the design process will be completed by 31 March 2024 and the required works will be completed by 31 March 2025.

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 The Committee were notified of proposed changes to the Work Programme since the agenda had been published including a reference to the Committee from the South Local Area Committee, detailed in the Addendum to the report, regarding the green bin collection service. In addition, it was proposed to receive items on the

Safety at Sports Grounds and Parking Fees and Charges at the February meeting, and Hostile Vehicle Management and Sexual Entertainment Venues at the March meeting.

7.3 Members agreed the proposed responses to the two references to the Committee and noted that a large consultation was due on the Waste Strategy therefore the green bin collection service would be considered as part of that consultation.

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

1. approves the Committee's work programme, as set out in Appendix 1, including any additions and amendments identified in Part 1 and the amendments reported in the meeting;
2. gives consideration to 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; and
3. notes any referrals from Council or other Committees detailed in Section 2 of the report and agrees the proposed responses.

8. CONNECTED BY WATER - ASSETS, INFRASTRUCTURE AND SEWER MANAGEMENT

8.1 Representatives from Yorkshire Water attended the meeting to provide the Committee with an overview of Yorkshire Water's Corporate Strategy and business planning, the Connected by Water partnership alliance and the water network's resilience and renewal.

8.2 In response to Members' questions, officers and the representatives from Yorkshire Water agreed to provide additional information on the sewage discharge into the Meers Brook and contact details for Member's to use to improve communication with residents regarding work affecting their wards.

8.3 Members made a reference to the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee requesting that the Committee consider amending planning policy to include Yorkshire Water as a consultee on developments that have a significant impact on the sewer system, such as student accommodation, and that a list of these types of developments be drawn up.

9. 2023/24 QUARTER 2 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 2.

9.2 **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.

9.3 Reasons for Decision

9.3.1 To record formally changes to the Revenue Budget.

9.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

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

10. REVIEW OF THE MOOR MARKET SERVICE CHARGE

10.1 The Director of Street Scene and Regulation submitted a report that set out a proposal to review the service charge recharged to traders at the Moor Market.

10.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee agree to defer the consideration of this item to the next meeting of the Committee on 14 February 2024.

10.3 Reasons for Decision

10.3.1 The Traders on the Moor Market had requested further consultation with the Council prior to any decisions on the service charge.

10.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

10.4.1 None.

11. RESPONSE TO THE STREET TREE INQUIRY - UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THE WASTE AND STREET SCENE POLICY COMMITTEE'S REMIT

11.1 The Director of Street Scene and Regulation, Business Manager for Street Scene and Regulation and the Acting Service Manager (Highways) presented a report that provided an update on progress in implementing the actions from recommendations 5-7 from the report "Learning from the Past and Moving Ahead – response to the Sheffield Street Tree Inquiry" that were agreed by the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee on 19 June 2023. Actions in recommendations 5-7 from the response to the Street Trees Inquiry, relating to the Sheffield Street Tree Partnership and Managing Streets Ahead, sat within the area of responsibility of the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee.

11.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee notes the update on delivering the actions relating to recommendations 5-7 of the response to the Sheffield Street Tree Inquiry.

11.3 Reasons for Decision

11.3.1 This report sets out progress on delivering recommendations 5-7 of the response

to the Street Tree Inquiry. The Waste & Street Scene Policy Committee is recommended to note the update.

11.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

- 11.4.1 The Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee requested a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations from the Street Tree Inquiry response that fall within its remit. No alternative options were therefore considered.