

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Waste & Street Scene Policy Committee

Meeting held 8 November 2024

PRESENT: Councillors Joe Otten (Chair), Minesh Parekh (Deputy Chair), Christine Gilligan Kubo (Group Spokesperson), Sue Alston, Peter Gilbert, Tim Huggan, Mary Lea and Mark Rusling

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

28.1 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor David Barker.

29. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

30.1 Councillor Mary Lea declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 9 as her family member works in the Gambling Industry.

31. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

31.1 The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13th September, 2024 were approved as a correct record.

32. PUBLIC PETITIONS, QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

32.1 Four questions had been received that related to the remit of the Committee. Written responses had been sent to the questioners and published on the Council's website.

32.2 Two supplementary questions had been received relating to remit questions. A written response to the supplementary question from Marion Gerson was published on the Council's website.

32.3 A response to the supplementary question from Rosa Vince was given by the Chair as follows;

- The Chair thanked Ms Vince for attending the meeting and submitting their question.
- The Licensing regime is not based on public opinion, it is there to meet specific objectives such as the prevention of crime and disorder etc and the decisions taken on adopting licences must be made based on the evidence provided.
- Under a nil limit, it is still possible to make an application for a license and the decision on whether to grant the application would take regard of the

policy and be based on the merits of the individual case.

- One of the aims of a nil limit policy is to prevent a situation of exploitation arising and therefore a worker run establishment could potentially be a preferred situation.
- The purpose of updating the policy is to give greater confidence that venues are meeting the conditions required for them to be considered a safe place to work.
- The Chair agreed to highlight to officers the point made that an unlicensed venue may not meet all the necessary conditions and therefore would prevent a greater risk. This should be reflected in the equality impact assessment.

A written response would be provided and published on the Council's website

32.4 No agenda-related questions, statements or petitions had been received.

33. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

33.1 A schedule of questions to the Chair, submitted in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 16, and which contained written answers, was circulated. No supplementary questions were asked.

34. WORK PROGRAMME

34.1.1 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 this Committee, other Committees, officers, partners and the public to plan their work with and for the Committee.

34.1.2 Members confirmed their intention to form a cross-party task and finish group with members of the Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee to discuss obstructive parking in the city.

34.1.3 Members requested a working group to look at the city centre and all the functions of the Waste and Street Scene remit that contribute to the city centre management, including the night-time economy, to form a city centre operational strategy which will support the growth strategy.

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

1. The Committee's work programme, as set out in Appendix 1, including any additions and amendments identified in Part 2;
2. That consideration be given to any further issues to be explored by officers for inclusion in the next work programme report, for potential addition to the work programme; and
3. That any referrals from Council (petition and resolutions) detailed in Section 2 of the report be noted and the proposed responses set out be agreed.

34.3 Reasons for Decision

34.3.1 To give the committee members an opportunity to consider the direction of the work programme, align it with their key priorities and create a manageable workload for the committee.

34.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

34.4.1 None

35. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE UPDATE (Q2)

35.1.1 The Director of Street Scene and Regulation Services presented a report that provided the Committee with an overview of Quarter 2 (July-September) Waste & Street Scene operational performance for a range of services within its remit.

35.1.2 Members requested a number of additional indicators for the dashboard to assist with the illustration of the effectiveness of the service.

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

1. Notes the Performance of relevant services.
2. Acknowledges areas of good performance and areas of concern that they may wish to discuss in future Knowledge Briefings and/or Policy Committee.

35.3 Reasons for Decision

35.3.1 The Waste & Street Scene Policy Committee has delegated authority to monitor the performance of Waste & Street Scene services to ensure that:

- The service is delivering for the people of Sheffield
- Limited resources are maximised due to budgetary pressures
- The Council is delivering on corporate priorities

35.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

35.4.1 The Waste & Street Scene Policy Committee has delegated responsibility for the regular monitoring of data including performance and financial information, and the performance monitoring of Waste & Street Scene services. Therefore, no alternative options to the production of this report have been considered.

36. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES (GAMBLING POLICY) 2025

36.1.1 The Licensing Strategy and Policy Officer presented a report setting out the details of the revised Statement of Principles (Gambling Policy), to be published under the

Gambling Act 2005 and details of the consultation process that had been undertaken. The report seeks approval on the final version of the Statement of Principles (policy) and for it to be referred to Full Council.

36.1.2 A question was asked regarding the statutory levy imposed on Gambling operators implemented by the Gambling Commission and what the funds were used for. The officer agreed to circulate the information to all members.

36.2 **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:** That the Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee approves the Statement of Principles (Policy) for submission to Full Council on the 4th of December 2024, to ensure compliance with the Council's statutory requirements set out in the 2005 Act and associated regulations and guidance to have the policy adopted by Full Council and published in time for the Statement of Principles to be in effect in January 2025.

36.3 **Reasons for Decision**

36.3.1 The reason for this recommendation is to ensure compliance with the Council's statutory requirements set out in the 2005 Act and associated regulations and guidance to have the policy referred to and adopted by Full Council and published in time for the Statement of Principles to be in effect in January 2025.

36.4 **Alternatives Considered and Rejected**

36.4.1 No alternative options have been considered as the Licensing Authority of Sheffield City Council has a legal duty to publish a Statement of Principles (policy) under the Gambling Act 2005 every three years as detailed in paragraph 2.7 above.