

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE
Town Hall, Main Road, Romford
20 February 2019 (7.00 - 9.00 pm)**

Present:

Councillors Sally Miller, John Mylod (Chairman), Jan Sargent, Carole Beth, Matt Sutton (Vice-Chair) and Martin Goode

13 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

14 QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

The report before Members set out the quarter 3 performance that was relevant to the remit of the Sub-Committee.

Two performance indicators had been included in the Quarter 3 2018/19 report and presentation. The Waste tonnages indicator had been assigned a green status, whilst the fly-tipping indicator had also been assigned a green status. This was an improved performance on the position reported at the end of Quarter 2.

The Sub-Committee **noted** the contents of the report.

15 AIR QUALITY ACTION PLAN

This report before Members outlined the progress made on the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) - a 5 year strategic programme to improve air quality within Havering under the 4 themes of:

- Modelling and monitoring
- Public Health & awareness raising to encourage smarter travel
- Emissions from Buildings and development
- Emissions from transport.

During the debate Members noted that detailed air quality modelling had been undertaken for three locations in 2017: Marsh Way, Gallows Corner, and Roneo Corner comparing estimated pollution levels for 2013 and 2020. Public Protection had also recently commissioned Kings College London to develop an interactive map which shows predicted NO₂, and particulate matter (PM) for 2013 and 2020 and enables selection of any area / location in the borough to obtain an image of the local air quality.

Modelling for major schemes was also undertaken by developers as part of the air quality assessments which were required for major developments as part of the planning process, which was an ongoing requirement.

Members were advised that monitoring had taken place around schools and the report detailed NO_x levels that had been found.

The Council continued to promote greener transport methods. These included promotion of cycling to both children and members of staff.

Miles the Mole the Council's Air Quality Champion had visited 40 schools so far this year covering topics such as anti-idling, planting and walking to school. Officers were also looking at other educational performance artists for senior schools.

To combat pollution from construction sites (particularly smaller sites where the air quality neutral conditions were not applied), Havering would be part of a London wide bid to the Mayors Air Quality Fund (MAQF) to support enforcement of the non-road mobile machinery (NRMM). This will reduce dust and emissions from sites.

Road Transport was the greatest contributor to NO_x emissions in Havering. A high level feasibility study had been commissioned by Transport Planning to identify a light rail link route between the north and south of the borough to support the two housing zones and across further north to Harold Hill to help reduce emissions by offering an alternative mode of transport.

Transport for London (TfL) had advised that buses they run in the geographical area of Havering, such as routes 66, 86 and N86 had been retrofitted to comply with Euro VI emission standards. The remaining routes would be retrofitted by September 2020. However, TfL had advised that they were working to deliver ahead of this date.

Members agreed that an update in future would be useful to monitor progress of the Air Quality Action Plan

The Sub-Committee **noted** the report.

16 RESOURCE AND WASTE STRATEGY SUMMARY

Members received a presentation which detailed the Council's Resource & Waste Strategy.

Members were advised that the two main aims of the strategy were to maximise the value of the resource and to minimise waste and its impact on the environment. To achieve this there were five strategic ambitions.

1. To work towards all plastic packaging placed on the market being recyclable, reusable or compostable by 2025;
2. To work towards eliminating food waste to landfill by 2030;
3. To eliminate avoidable plastic waste over the lifetime of the 25 Year Environment Plan;
4. To double resource productivity by 2050; and
5. To eliminate avoidable waste of all kinds by 2050.

Members noted the issues pertinent to Havering were as follows:

1. Extended Producer Responsibility
 - Deposit Return Schemes
 - LA funding
 - Tax on packaging
2. Sustainable Consumption
 - Ban on some single-use plastic products
 - Maximising re-use, e.g. 3rd sector
 - Encourage more drinking fountains
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3. Consistency in Collections
 - Separate food waste collections by 2023
 - Consultation on free garden waste collections
 - Review of material quality
4. Tackling Waste Crime
 - Improving quality of exports
 - Strengthening intelligence
5. Food Waste
 - Introduction of targets
 - Support for Love Food Hate Waste initiatives / pilots

6.Data

- Carbon-based targets
- Quantification of reuse and repair activities

Members were advised that the GLA Strategy stipulated separate rubbish collections however the current refuse contract prevented this. Talks were ongoing with ELWA.

Members were advised that both Havering and ELWA would be engaging with the industry and would ensure responses were provided on relevant consultations and calls for evidence.

The Sub-Committee **noted** the overview.

Chairman