



Public Services Committee
Thursday 11 June 2015 - 7.00 pm

Present: Councillors R G Heseltine [Chairman], Mrs K McIntyre, Mrs P Heseltine, P Madeley and E Jaquin.

Officers: Dave Parker [Chief Officer] and Brett Butler [Town Centre Manager]

1. To accept representations from the Public between 7.00 pm and 7.15 pm.

None.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies given from:

Cllr Calvin Dow (work commitments), Cllr J Dawson (holiday) and Cllr Mrs W Clark (family issues).

Cllr P Madeley was welcomed by members to his first meeting of Public Services.

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in items on the agenda.

None.

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

None.

5. To approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on 30 April 2015.

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 April 2015 were accepted as a true and fair record of what transpired at that meeting.

6. To report and receive information arising from the minutes of items not on the Agenda from Members and the Chief Officer.

None

7. To discuss the contractual arrangements for highway verge grass cutting.

It was **RESOLVED** to put in place a contract with ISS Facility Services Limited for the four remaining highways verge grass-cuts required in Skipton during 2015 at a cost of £1,600 per cut plus any additions determined by the Council up to the value of £800 and in due course to invite tenders, in accordance with standard procedures, for grass-cutting services in 2016 if it is decided not to complete the work in-house.

8. To consider the itinerary for urban grass cutting in the town.

It was **RESOLVED** that given that there are areas of grass verge which should be included in the monthly cut, that the Council add all of the verges within residential areas to the urban grass cutting itinerary.

It was also **RESOLVED** that given the significant cost implications, the lack of evidence that it will provide value for money, and the likelihood that the condition of the grass will improve with subsequent cuts that the highways verge grass cutting schedule is completed on a 'cut and drop' basis unless it becomes clear in due course that 'cut and collect' is essential in some areas.

9. To discuss dog fouling issues around the town.

In the absence of Cllr Mrs W Clark, it was **RESOLVED** to defer this item until the next Public Services Committee meeting.

10. To undertake the quarterly review of the non-routine maintenance schedule.

Members reviewed the non-routine maintenance schedule and it was **NOTED**.

Members **RESOLVED** that copies of the routine and non-routine maintenance schedules should be sent to all Councillors.

11. To receive notification on matters that members would like included on a future agenda.

Item 9 carried over to next PSC meeting regarding dog fouling issues.

Meeting closed at 7.25 pm