

# Street Cleansing Task Group Notes

Notes of the meeting of the Street Cleansing Task Group held on Wednesday 20 July 2011 at the Civic Centre, Poulton-le-Fylde.

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## Members present:

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor M Gandhi  
Councillor Hodgkinson  
Councillor Walmsley

Councillor Brooks  
Councillor R Gandhi  
Councillor Moon

## Apologies:

Councillor Atkins  
Councillor McCann  
Councillor Perkin

## Officers present:

Michael Ryan, Corporate Director of People and Places  
Mark Billington, Head of Operations  
Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Officer

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### 1 Election of Chairman

Councillor Moon was elected as Chairman of the Task Group.

### 2 Declarations of Interest

None.

### 3 Public Involvement

The Task Group agreed that future meetings would be held in public unless sensitive information was to be received.

### 4 Background to the Task Group

Michael Ryan reported that the cost to the Council of providing Street Cleaning services through Fylde Council currently stood at over £1million. The Council had taken the decision to bring the street cleansing service back in house from 1 April 2012. The reasons for this decision were to provide a substantial financial saving and to improve the quality of the service provided to residents.

Proposals for the new service included having a more mechanised fleet of vehicles which would allow for a greater area to be cleaned in less time and 7 day working creating a more flexible workforce.

The Council intended to take a geographic approach to street scene with area based teams undertaking everything from street cleansing to grounds maintenance in their area allowing the team to concentrate on the greatest needs within that area.

The group discussed the current contract and the detailed specification for street cleaning it contained.

Mark Billington informed the group the Council was moving towards a more flexible workforce that would work to a schedule and yet still allow the workforce to react to problems. The aim of the new service would be to maintain as high standards of cleanliness as possible with the resource available whilst still giving residents reassurance that their roads will be cleaned.

The group considered complaints on street cleansing received by the Contact Centre and were concerned by the numbers received. It was hoped that the number would decrease over time as the cleanliness of streets improved.

This task group had been established in order to help identify hotspots within Wards and aid the development of the schedule of work which would form the basis of the new arrangements and also to identify high profile areas during specific times of the year such as summer.

## **5 Scoping Document**

The scoping document was approved subject to it being amended to include consideration of the costs involved in the proposals.

## **6 Next Steps**

- To consult with all Councillors on areas within their Wards which are considered as problem areas or hotspots for street cleansing.
- To establish the location of the complaints received by the Contact Centre to help identify any hotspots.
- To ask Street Scene Officers about problem areas that they may be aware of.
- To consider detailed costings of the proposals at the next meeting.

## **7 Date and time of next meeting**

Monday 19 September 2011 at 10.00am

Officers would try to arrange a viewing of vehicles for this meeting.