



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Scrutiny Performance Panel – Service Improvement & Finance**

Committee Room 5 - Guildhall, Swansea

Monday, 12 February 2018 at 10.30 am

Present: Councillor C A Holley (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)
P R Hood-Williams
J W Jones

Councillor(s)
L James

Councillor(s)
M H Jones

Other Attendees

Mark Thomas

Cabinet Member - Environment Services

Officer(s)

Stuart Davies

Head of Highways & Transportation

Bethan Hopkins

Scrutiny Officer

Phillip John

Project Manager

Apologies for Absence

Councillor(s): P Downing, P K Jones, I E Mann, B J Rowlands and D W W Thomas

1 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

None

2 Public Questions

None

3 Highways and Transportation Commissioning Review

Meeting abandoned due to issues with Cabinet papers.
Further meeting to be advised.

Meeting took place on 14th February to include an additional report which was not included in the original paperwork.

Notes as follows;

(Note: This meeting was adjourned to the 14th February)

- The report has been ongoing for quite some time but due to cross cutting reviews and changes it has been delayed
- The intention was to pull apart all of the service and analyse what was happening and benchmark where appropriate
- All services are attempting to be streamlined
- Also explored adverse funding proposals and rejected ones which were not appropriate
- Attempting to get staff to multitask as much as possible where appropriate
- There is a limit to the extent of cuts you can make before you damage a service
- The success of the Marina was recognised
- Formation of an Integrated Transport Unit was recognised as a positive
- Roads are hugely underfunded but the department is trying to be innovative
- Completing road safety audits for other local authorities to maximise income
- Very pleased that the bus station management is efficient and cost effective
- Issues around on street parking enforcement and difficulties in implementing residents parking schemes were discussed.
- Some roads are inspected monthly and some annually. There are repair timescales with severe road issues. We are in a better position than many other local authorities but fixing potholes does not improve the road network
- Not enough money is being spent on road maintenance and the maintenance of the areas surrounding the roads
- Explored whether there is a limit of money which can be spent in each electoral ward per year on PATCH Team repair works
- LED lighting has been successful; it has saved not only money but has led to energy reduction and a reduction of carbon emissions. Explored which areas of Swansea are still waiting for LED lights to be fitted
- The review is widespread and in great depth
- Compliments to the team for putting it all together

4 Exclusion of the Public

None

5 Highways and Transportation Commissioning Review

Discussed excluded items

The meeting ended at 11.10 am

Chair