

SCRUTINY OVERVIEW

ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE

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DIRECT SERVICES

SERVICE AREA RESPONSIBILITIES

CARE FOR YOUR AREA SERVICES

- Grounds Maintenance
- Refuse Collection
- Recycling
- Street Cleansing
- Markets
- Management of Country Parks, Urban Parks, Local Nature Reserves and other green spaces
- Wynyard Planetarium and Observatory.



DIRECT SERVICES

SERVICE AREA RESPONSIBILITIES

WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Waste Minimisation
- Civic Amenity Site
- Waste Strategy
- Waste Disposal

FLEET MANAGEMENT

- Vehicle Procurement
- Fuel Management
- Vehicle Maintenance
- Insurance Claims



DIRECT SERVICES

SERVICE AREA RESPONSIBILITIES

COUNTRYSIDE AND GREENSPACE

- Strategic planning of green infrastructure
- Project development and delivery
- Delivering improved green infrastructure through the planning and development process
- Communications / consultation and community participation
- Management of trees and woodlands



IMPACT ANALYSIS – EIT Review of Commercial Trading Services

Recommendations include:

- Increased charges for bulky waste from April 2011
- Re-useable green waste sacks introduced
- Expansion of the customer base for commercial waste collection services

Impacts of the above:

- Projected savings of were made but not by the all the recommendations due the dramatic change in the Economic climate however a savings of £34,000 pa on re-useable green waste sacks was achieved



IMPACT ANALYSIS – EIT Review of CFYA

Recommendations include:

- Undertake a review of management and supervision structures where recent staffing changes have taken place
- Reconfigure refuse and recycling rounds
- Reduction in Parks Improvement Fund
- Reduce supplies and services budgets
- Increase income from recyclable material

Impacts of the above (projected):

- £100k savings from reviewed management structures
- £100k savings from re-configured refuse and recycling rounds
- £100k savings from reduced Parks Improvement Fund
- £100k savings by reducing supplies and services budgets
- £230k from increasing recyclable material income



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- RHS Britain in Bloom - Stockton achieved the Gold award for Best City in 2011 and multiple award winners in regional competition Northumbria in Bloom
- CFYA's 'Skills for Life' programme received the 'Best Employee and Equality Initiative' at the 2011 APSE service awards
- Six parks/cemeteries maintained Green Flag status:
 - Billingham Beck Country Park
 - Charlton's Pond
 - Cowpen Bewley Woodland Park
 - Ropner Park
 - Thornaby Cemetery
 - Wynyard Woodland Park
- Successful delivery of the borough wide Parks and Greenspace Regeneration Programme



CURRENT PERFORMANCE

- 29% of household waste sent for recycling and composting
- Reduced use of landfill sites whilst increase in production of energy from waste
- Street cleanliness surveys – percentage of areas acceptable on:
 - Litter: 99%
 - Detritus: 99%
- Only six missed bins recorded during 2011/12, the best ever performance!
- Local Biodiversity - 42% of local sites in positive conservation management
- 98.5% of Council vehicles operating on bio-diesel

TECHNICAL SERVICES

SERVICE AREA RESPONSIBILITIES

- Domestic Energy Advice and Fuel Poverty
- Environmental Policy
- Flood Risk Management
- Power Purchase & Energy Supply
- Climate Change
- Carbon Reduction Agenda
- Carbon Reduction Commitment
- Active Travel



IMPACT ANALYSIS –Review of Carbon Management

- Recommendation – Introduction of an energy saving strategy across all Stockton’s schools to ensure energy saving approaches are taken for all non-networked items of technology.
- Impact has been – Projects in a number of schools, for example installation of a 10 k/w photovoltaic system and a ground source heat pump at Conyers School.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Carbon Reduction – 23.5% reduction throughout the Borough
- Carbon Management Programme – CO₂ produced by SBC reduced by 20% over the period 2008–12.
- Key Measures include:
 - Voltage Regulators
 - Insulation
 - IT Switch off
 - Street Lighting Dimming
 - Staff awareness



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KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Accommodation Strategy and Workwise projects underway - 4th Floor Kingsway House now complete, including the provision of energy efficient lighting
- Electric car charging point fully operational at Kingsway House, and electric pool car in use by Technical Services staff



- Preliminary flood risk management plan completed and approved by the Environment Agency.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Community Energy Savings Programme (CESP)



CURRENT PERFORMANCE

Energy Efficiency and Fuel Poverty:

- Less than 1% of low income homes have a low energy efficiency rating (<35)
- More than 60% of low income homes have a high energy efficiency rating (>65)

Approximately 1.8M business miles travelled by SBC employees 2011/12 – well below target of 2M

Carbon Management Programme on track to achieve 25% CO2 reduction by 2014

CURRENT ISSUES

- Adapting to Climate Change
- Flood Risk (including responsibilities for Darlington)
- Power Purchase Agreements



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EMERGING ISSUES

- Effective management of new arrangements proposed for major schemes devolved funding and rail devolution as proposed by the Department for Transport
- Development of the Council's 'Green Vision' and adoption as policy
- Possible changes to Carbon Reduction Commitment scheme
- Renewable Energy Supply