## SCRUTINY OVERVIEW ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012





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## ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE ACCOUNTABLE SERVICES

#### **DIRECT SERVICES**

JAMIE McCANN <u>TECHNICAL SERVICES</u>

RICHARD McGUCKIN







# 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.



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# DIRECT SERVICES SERVICE AREA RESPONSIBILITIES

#### WASTE MANANGEMENT

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

#### FLEET MANANGEMENT

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





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# 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





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# **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





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# **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

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- £100k savings from reduced Parks Improvement Fund
- £100k savings by reducing supplies and services budgets
- £230k from increasing recyclable material income



- 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



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# 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







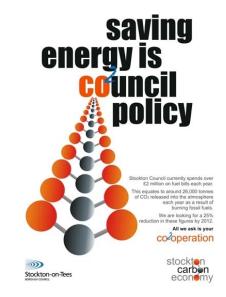
# IMPACT ANALYSIS – Review of Carbon Management

- 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.





- 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







- 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.





• Community Energy Savings Programme (CESP)





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## **CURRENT PERFORMANCE**

Energy Efficiency and Fuel Poverty:

- Less than 1% of low income homes have a low energy efficiency rating (<35)</li>
- 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



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# **CURRENT ISSUES**

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







## **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



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