

To: Executive Board – 3 April 2006

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AREA COMMITTEES

The following recommendations all relate to Streetscene issues.

Central South and West Area Committee

159.

Resolved to ASK the Executive Board to arrange for a report about the implementation of the area streetscene initiative to be prepared within the next two months.

North Area Committee

Councillor Fooks said that there were a number of utility boxes in the Cutteslowe area that were fly-posted and had flaking paint. David Huddle said that the City Council could not deal with utility boxes etc. as they were not City Council properties. He added that City Works did try to work with the various utility companies to remove graffiti, but any repainting was the responsibility of the companies themselves.

The Committee agreed to REQUEST the Executive Board to endeavour to use its influence to persuade the utility companies to maintain their equipment to a decent standard by regular re-painting and graffiti removal;

East Area Parliament

Councillor Baker asked Shaun Hatton to thank his officers for the excellent job they had done in clearing up the shopping trolleys in the entrance to the football field. He asked whether it would be possible to charge supermarkets for the costs involved in returning the trolleys and suggested that a recommendation should be made to the Executive Board on this issue. Shaun Hatton said that currently no charge was made. Trolleys were taken to the Cowley Marsh Depot. The owners were contacted and if they did not collect their property within a certain time the trolleys were sent for recycling. Councillor Simmons commented that the Tesco store in Cowley Road had been proactive in collecting abandoned trolleys for a while but this was no longer the case and he thought there had probably been a change in management.

Resolved to: -

RECOMMEND the Executive Board to instruct the new fly tipping enforcement officer to look into ways of making stores take greater responsibility for abandoned trolleys, including charging for the return of abandoned trolleys and taking legal action against offending stores if problems persisted.

Copies of the above recommendations have been sent to Councillor Tanner for comment.