

Executive Board – 6 November 2006

Recommendations from Area Committees

Central, South and West Area Committee - Tuesday 10th October 2006

76. STREETSCENE ISSUES – TRADE WASTE

The Committee RECOMMENDED Executive Board that action be taken against businesses or other concerns who put out trade refuse on streets other than at the stipulated times.

This recommendation was made following discussion during the item on streetscene issues. Members expressed concern about the visual impact which bags of trade refuse left out on streets had and, also, the potential anti-social uses to which bags of rubbish could be put - i.e. being thrown at members of the public and police officers.

Councillor Fooks, Cleaner Cities Portfolio Holder, will explain what action is being taken to address these issues.

79. STREET TRADING ENFORCEMENT IN THE CITY CENTRE

The Environmental Health Business Manager submitted a report (previously circulated and now appended).

Resolved:-

- (1) not to provide funding for a temporary pilot period to cover weekend enforcement in the period leading up to Christmas;
- (2) to support a proposed bid for funding to allow the extension of street trading enforcement to cover at least six days out of seven each week;
- (3) to ask the Portfolioholder for Cleaner City to review the times when staff are available to enforce the street trading regulations to ensure that enforcement takes place when it is most needed, particularly at weekends, stressing the need for action to cover the period leading up to Christmas;
- (4) to express support for the Local Government Association's efforts to get the Peddlars Act revoked;
- (5) to ask that the possibility of Environmental Enforcement Officers being used to enforce the street trading regulations be investigated.

(The report considered by the Area Committee is attached)

Councillor Fooks, Cleaner Cities Portfolio Holder, will comment at the meeting on the request in (2) above.

Central, South and West Area Committee - Wednesday 11th October 2006

WESTGATE DEVELOPMENT

At its meeting on 11th October the Central, South and West Area Committee considered the planning application for the Westgate redevelopment. Reference was made to the implications the redevelopment would have on those living in Faulkner Street and the fact that a number of those living in Abbey Place who would be affected by the redevelopment were vulnerable. Amongst other things, the Committee agreed to ask Executive Board to consider bringing forward the replacement of windows of properties in Faulkner Place and to ensure that those living in Abbey Place are given as much support as possible.

The Head of Oxford City Homes has advised that the windows in Faulkner Street are being done this financial year anyway - tenants and leaseholders have already had letters. Therefore this recommendation will not have any financial (or other) implications.

Members are asked to note the request from the Central, South and West Area Committee and the response from the Head of Oxford City Homes.