

REGENERATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

23 July 2018

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Kevin Cranney (In the Chair)

Councillors: Paddy Brown, Rob Cook and Jim Lindridge

Also Present: In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 5.2 Councillor John Tennant was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Shane Moore

Councillors Ann Marshall, Mike Young, Bob Buchan, Tony Richardson and Allan Barclay

Officers: Sylvia Pinkney, Head of Public Protection
David Worthington, Head of Culture
Denise Wimpenny, Principal Democratic Services Officer

10. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Leisa Smith and Shane Moore.

11. Declarations of Interest

None

12. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2018

Received.

13. Food Law Enforcement Service Plan 2018/19 *(Assistant Director (Environment and Neighbourhood Services))*

Type of decision

Non-key decision

Purpose of report

To consider the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan for 2018/19

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Head of Public Protection reported that the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan for 2018/2019, submitted as an appendix to the report, detailed the Service's priorities for 2018/19 and highlighted how these priorities would be addressed.

During 2017/18 the service completed 100% of all programmed food hygiene, food standards and feed hygiene interventions planned for the year. In total 421 food hygiene interventions were completed, 281 food standards and 6 food hygiene interventions. Comparators from the previous year were provided, as set out in the report. In addition to the planned interventions 94 new food businesses were registered and inspected during the year.

As at the 1 April 2018, 99.92% of businesses in the borough were "Broadly Compliant" with food safety requirements (98.5% on 1 April 2017). For food standards 97.3% of businesses achieved broad compliance (97.2% in 2017).

In relation to food hygiene ratings, it was highlighted that 99.1% of the premises inspected during 2017/18 received a hygiene rating of '3' and above.

The results of the food sampled as part of the year's microbiological sampling programme were good with 82/98 (83.7%) reported as satisfactory. The results from the environmental samples were broadly similar.

The Head of Public Protection reported that in 2018/19 work would continue on the takeaways project, food safety awareness campaigns, holiday hunger scheme and allergy awareness campaign.

The Head of Public Protection responded to queries raised by Members in relation to the powers available to improve food safety standards, the unannounced inspection process as well as the timescales allowed to businesses to address poor results and make improvements.

Clarification was provided regarding the microbiological sampling process and the advice provided in relation to disposal of waste. Members were advised that co-ordinated work had been undertaken with Northumbrian Water where joint visits had taken place in areas where waste disposal issues had been identified.

Decision

That the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan for 2018/19 be approved.

14. Referral from Council – Armistice Day Commemorations – Verbal Update *(Assistant Director, Economic Growth and Regeneration)*

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The Chair referred to a recent Council meeting when the issue of Armistice Day Commemorations had been referred to the Regeneration Services Committee for consideration. All Members had therefore been invited to attend today's meeting to provide input into the planned activities to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the end of World War 1 on 11 November 2018.

The Head of Culture sought Members' views in relation to the following proposals:-

- Support Remembrance Sunday commemorations at Victory Square and Headland War Memorials.
- Consider proposals from the Heugh Battery Museum to undertake a commemorative event on Sunday afternoon.
- To operate two events at the Headland and Seaton beacons as per the national structure:-

6.50 pm	-	Welcome from Mayor and Deputy Mayor
6.55 pm	-	Sounding of Last Post
7.00 pm	-	Lighting of the Beacons
7.05 pm	-	Churches around Hartlepool requested to ring bells
7.05 pm	-	Deputy Lord Lieutenant to read 'A Cry for Peace around the World'
7.10 pm	-	Performance by Honoured Project
7.30 pm	-	Singing National Anthem and presenting of military standards to Mayor/Deputy Mayor/Deputy Lord Lieutenants
7.40 pm	-	Event closes

The Armed Forces Champion and Mayor reported that arrangements were currently ongoing in relation to a Commemorative Dinner that he would be hosting at the Grand Hotel on 9 November 2018. It was envisaged that the cost would be £40 per head and sponsors were currently being sought from businesses in terms of subsidies to support veterans to attend.

The Head of Culture responded to queries raised by Members in relation to

the proposals.

The benefits of involving schools in learning about the First World War were emphasised and it was highlighted that this was an opportunity for schools involvement in the “Honoured Project”. It was suggested that schools should also be encouraged to visit the Heugh Battery Museum.

The Chair referred Members to the option to develop a memorial garden to commemorate those who had been lost in World War One, details of which would be circulated by the Chair following the meeting. The Chair requested that any input/comments from Members should be directed to the Head of Culture following the meeting. A Member suggested the option for this to form part of the Rossmere Park works be examined.

A Member referred to commemorative events that had been held in the past on Saturday afternoons at Stranton Cemetery to enable children and young people to participate in the event. However, it was noted this event had been poorly attended in the past. It was suggested that an event of this type, to encourage participation of children and young people, be explored with schools as part of the proposals.

The Committee requested that the events in Hartlepool to commemorate the 100th anniversary be publicised as widely as possible and should include a printed and on-line campaign.

Decision

- (i) That the proposals, as set out above, be supported.
- (ii) That the comments of Members be noted and explored as appropriate.
- (iii) That the events in Hartlepool to commemorate the 100th anniversary be publicised as widely as possible and should include a printed and on-line campaign.

15. Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was reported that the next meeting would be held on Monday 24 September 2018 at 2.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 2.30 pm

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