



MINUTES

Operational Management Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 4 November 2020
Venue:	Remote meeting via Zoom.
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Roger Small (Chairman) Councillor John Kirkham (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Mark Bamforth, Julie Brickles, Alan Clayton, Chris Dixon, Will Harris, Kiran Mulholland, Bobby Rigby, Stan Trudgill, Viv Willder.
Other Councillors Present:	Councillors Karen Buckley, Cheryl Little, David O'Rourke
Officers Present:	Allan Oldfield, Tracy Manning, Ian Curtis, Kathy Winstanley and Sharon Wadsworth
Other Attendees:	3 members of the public were in attendance during the public part of the meeting.

Public Platform

There were no speakers on this occasion.

1. Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. No interests were declared on this occasion.

2. Substitute Members

There were no substitutions on this occasion.

Decision Items

3. Exclusion of the Public

It was RESOLVED to exclude the public from the meeting in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the business to be discussed was exempt information as defined under paragraph 7 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

4. Arrangements for Environmental Enforcement

The Chairman, Councillor Roger Small, introduced an exempt report on the arrangements and performance of District Enforcement (DE). The pilot scheme was initially intended to last for twelve months with appropriate arrangements in place for either party to terminate the pilot.

Members expressed concerns around data processing as well as the negative impact of some of the enforcement activities DE had carried out in the council's name. It was supported that the pilot has not worked out as expected and recommended that the council gives DE notice to terminate the pilot arrangement.

It was unanimously RESOLVED:

1. That the council gives District Enforcement as short a period as possible, of no more than up to three months' notice, to end the pilot arrangement.
2. That the Head of Health and Environmental Protection be requested to bring forward a further report to the committee to consider alternative arrangements to respond to breaches of any PSPO's focusing on an engagement and encouragement approach as an initial response to offences with enforcement powers as a final deterrent.

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