

Extract from Committee

Performance Scrutiny Committee

20 March 2014

90b Portfolio Holder Report: Environmental Services and Public Protection

The Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and Public Protection, Councillor Smith:

a. presented her report regarding activity and achievements within her portfolio, covering the following main areas:

- Waste and Recycling
- Cleansing
- Public Toilets
- Open Spaces Maintenance (Street Scene)
- CCTV
- Public Protection and Anti Social Behaviour
- Environmental Protection
- Bereavement Services
- Food Health and Safety

b. thanked officers for their assistance with her portfolio

Members questioned the Portfolio Holder for Environmental Services and Public Protection on various aspects of her report and she gave relevant responses with additional input from officers as follows:

- Question: Why was Lincoln in the bottom quartile per 1,000 of population in respect of total recorded crime offences (excluding fraud) compared with Northampton, Nottingham, Derby and Leicester?
- Response: The collation of data by the police was methodically and accurately collected. The low performance figure could be associated to the police actively encouraging people to report crime and the ethical recording standards they held themselves to. Ethical recording was assessed nationally Concerns raised would be referred to the next meeting of Select Scrutiny Committee sitting as Crime and Disorder Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED that concerns regarding the total recorded crime data figures in the city excluding fraud be referred on to Select Scrutiny Committee.