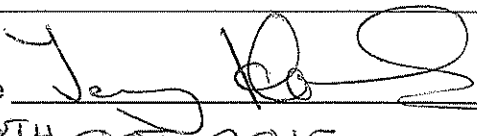


## Record of Cabinet portfolio holder decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

<b>Decision made by</b>	Councillor Tony Harbour
<b>Key decision?</b>	No
<b>Date of decision</b> (same as date form signed)	
<b>Name and job title of officer requesting the decision</b>	Ian Matten Waste and Parks Manager
<b>Officer contact details</b>	Tel: 01235 540373 Email: <a href="mailto:ian.matten@southandvale.gov.uk">ian.matten@southandvale.gov.uk</a>
<b>Decision</b>	To: Stop payments to the following parish councils for street cleansing: Aston Rowant Chalgrove Checkendon Chinnor Goring Ipsden Sonning Common Stoke Row Watlington
<b>Reasons for decision</b>	<p>This decision is being taken as we currently have a somewhat iniquitous situation whereby some parish councils receive a payment from us to supplement additional street cleansing activity in their parish while others do not.</p> <p>The payments started back in the early 1990's and since then circumstances have changed including the implementation of the most recent waste collection and street cleansing contract in 2009. Given that our contractor Biffa now has to keep all streets across the district to a specified standard of cleanliness the case for making the payments is weak. How can we justify making payments to Chalgrove, but not Benson; Sonning Common but not Shiplake? The comparisons could continue.</p> <p>Additionally, we wrote last year to the parish councils that benefitted from the payments asking what they spent the money on. We found that not all of the payments were being</p>

	<p>spent on cleansing areas for which we are responsible, hence another reason for reviewing matters.</p> <p>The issue was taken to scrutiny committee on 22 September 2015 for discussion. At that meeting the recommendation was to keep the payments but that if they were to go there should be a phased removal.</p> <p>I have considered that recommendation but have decided that I will stop the payments for the reasons set out above and in the report to the scrutiny committee. However, I propose to phase in the removal. In April 2016 each parish will receive a payment equivalent to 50 per cent of their current annual payment. There will be no further payments.</p> <p>When payments stop and the parishes no longer do the cleansing work, Biffa will cleanse the areas that are our responsibility in order to meet our legal requirements.</p> <p>Independent monitoring of street cleansing takes place regularly and the results are reported to scrutiny committee.</p> <p>By stopping these payments the council will save £10,739 in 2016/17 and in 2017/18 onwards £21,478 per annum.</p>
<b>Alternative options rejected</b>	Continue the current arrangements, but I have rejected this as being inequitable.
<b>Legal implications</b>	<p>There are no legal implications as Biffa will meet the required legal standards and we will monitor their work.</p> <p>Biffa will only clean what South Oxfordshire District Council has responsibility for. If there are other areas previously cleaned by the parish and a parish responsibility the parish will have to continue to deal with these in the future.</p>
<b>Financial implications</b>	By stopping these payments the council will save £10,739 in 2016/17 and in 2017/18 onwards £21,478 per annum.
<b>Other implications</b>	None
<b>Background papers considered</b>	The cabinet briefing papers discussed on December 2014 and 14 July 2015 and the committee report for scrutiny on 22 September.
<b>Declarations/conflict of interest? Declaration of other councillor/officer</b>	None

<b>consulted by the Cabinet member?</b>				
<b>List consultees</b>		<b>Name</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Date</b>
	Ward councillors	Anna Badcock Charles Bailey Kevin Bulmer Paul Harrison Lynn Lloyd David Nimmo-Smith David Turner Ian White	Various comments have been made which I have considered before reaching this decision.	6 Oct 15
	Legal	Pat Connell	Comment included in this paper	29 Sept 15
	Finance	Bob Watson	No Comment	25 Sept 15
	Human resources	Mark Gibbons	No Comment	
	Sustainability	Heather Saunders	No Comment	28 Sept 15
	Diversity and equality	Cheryl Reeves	This decision is not likely to impact on any particular equality group as Biffa will continue to cleanse the areas that are our responsibility. This will reduce the risk of slips or falls more likely to be experienced by older people and people with disabilities.	25 Sept 15
	Communications	Shona Ware	No Comment	26 Sept 15
	Strategic Management Board	David Buckle	Comments included in this paper	25 Sept 15
<b>Confidential decision?</b> If so, under which exempt category?	No			
<b>Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?</b>	No, this matter has already been discussed at Scrutiny			
<b>Has this been discussed by Cabinet members?</b>	Yes			
<b>Cabinet portfolio holder's signature</b> To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature  Date <u>8<sup>TH</sup> OCT 2015.</u>			

**ONCE SIGNED, THIS FORM MUST BE HANDED TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES IMMEDIATELY.**

For Democratic Services office use only		
Form received	Date: 9/10/15	Time: 10:30
Date published to all councillors	Date: 9/10/15	
Call-in deadline	Date: 16/10/15	Time: 17:00

## Guidance notes

1. This form must be completed by the lead officer who becomes the contact officer. The lead officer is responsible for ensuring that the necessary internal consultees have signed it off. The lead officer must then seek the Cabinet portfolio holder's agreement and signature.
2. Once satisfied with the decision, the Cabinet portfolio holder must sign and date the form and return it to the lead officer who should send it to Democratic Services immediately to allow the call-in period to commence. Democratic Services staff are located on the ground floor north wing (C block) of the Crowmarsh Gifford offices. Tel. 01235 540307 or extension 7307.  
Email: [democratic.services@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@southandvale.gov.uk)
3. Democratic Services will then publish the decision to the website (unless it is confidential) and send it to all councillors to commence the call-in period (five clear working days). The decision cannot be implemented until the call-in period expires. The call-in procedure can be found in the council's constitution, part 4, under the Scrutiny Committee procedure rules.
4. Before implementing the decision, the lead officer is responsible for checking with Democratic Services that the decision has not been called in.
5. If the decision has been called in, Democratic Services will notify the lead officer and decision-maker. This call-in puts the decision on hold.
6. Democratic Services will liaise with the Scrutiny Committee chairman over the date of the call-in debate. The Cabinet portfolio holder will be requested to attend the Scrutiny Committee meeting to answer the committee's questions.
7. The Scrutiny Committee may:
  - refer the decision back to the Cabinet portfolio holder for reconsideration or
  - refer the matter to Council with an alternative set of proposals (where the final decision rests with full Council) or
  - accept the Cabinet portfolio holder's decision, in which case it can be implemented immediately.

