

Outer East Environmental Sub-Group Minutes

Meeting held in Committee Room 4. Civic Hall,

12th September 2013

1. Introduction and Apologies:

Attendance: Cllr Mary Harland (Chair,) Cllr Pauleen Grahame, Cllr Andrea McKenna, Tom Smith (Env Services,) Krstan Nenadic (Parks & Countryside,) Andrew Milnes (Waste Management), Peter Mudge (AST).

Apologies: Cllr Mark Dobson, Martin Hackett.

2. Minutes of last meeting - Approved.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Covert Cameras – TS is speaking with police over how they are legally covered as advice to Locality Working suggests they will have to use overt cameras before going covert. Overt cameras are clearly visible to would be offenders.
- 3.2 As the service is now fully staffed, managers are being asked to look at the structure of street cleaning to avoid the need to provide overtime.
- 3.3 Prison Service assistance; Locality Working currently have 8 people on temporary licence who are making great inroads into blitzing problem areas.
- 3.4 TS to check ginnel between the crescent and Fairfield and investigate if it needs fencing to stop people breaking through.

4. Locality Working – Tom Smith

- 4.1 During the April – August period there have been 4,579 jobs undertaken with flytipping equalling 41% of work in the Outer East.
- 4.2 It was agreed to try and tie workload figures down to wards.
- 4.3 Enforcements regarding alternate weekly collections have been lower than in the Outer South (the other tranche 1 area in the SE Wedge.)
- 4.4 Mechanical cleaning has only attained 71% of its intended target. TS said this is lower due to it needing qualified staff and this was affected by their holidays.
- 4.5 Work is now underway to get staff to undertake a wider range of work within their area – litter picking, graffiti removal, flytipping etc. This will mean jobs are undertaken more quickly as there will be no need to wait for specialist teams to travel around the area.
- 4.6 Enforcements have risen from last quarter's 7 a month to 15 this. Prosecutions have remained the same at 1 per month.

5. Parks & Countryside – Krs Nenadic

- 5.1 KN said that changing the summer/winter workloads of staff had enabled more work to get done at a lower cost which had resulted in a cash saving allowing 11

apprentices to be taken on. Parks are currently interviewing for 11 horticultural apprentices which will include 1 for Manston Park and 1 in Lotherton Hall.

5.2 The meeting was also pleased to hear that Parks were keeping apprenticeship enrolment qualifications to the minimum in order to concentrate on enthusiasm rather than qualifications and that Locality Working was trying to find ways to take on apprentices.

5.3 The Yorkshire in Bloom Awards announcements are in a week's time.

5.4 InterServe have found 18 youths to assist with Parks projects but there are not currently any allocated to Outer East.

6 Aire Valley Homes, East North East Homes

6.1 It was noted that Aire Valley Homes and East North East Homes are in the process of coming back into direct Council ownership. Regardless of this it was felt they should continue to attend the meeting. PM to convey this message to them.

7 Waste Management –

7.1 The alternate weekly collections (AWC) in the Outer East had broadly gone well. During the first four months there has been a 25% increase in recycling and a 25% reduction in landfill and a small reduction in waste.

7.2 As a result of the success of Phase 1, Phase 2 of AWC goes live in November covering the North West and North East of Leeds comprising 105,000 households.

7.3 In August there were some missed collections and as a result some of the loaders are being offered the opportunity to get HGV training so they can fill in as drivers when needed.

7.4 Adverts are underway to offer 3 month positions around Christmas.

7.5 Staff performance and attendance management is underway and staff are really being pushed to avoid sickness. Three are on 3rd level warning.

7.6 For the first time the team is achieving 100% success in giving staff proper appraisals.

8 AOB

8.1 Agreed to write to Temple Newsam representative urging them to attend future meetings. Letter to be sent by the Chair.

8.2 KN was thanked for his team clearing the self-seeders, weeds and grass from Town End in Garforth prior to it being opened as a car park by local not for profit groups.

8.3 Japanese knotweed has been discovered in the area and TS will liaise over its removal.

8.4 Date of next meeting