

Minutes



INNER EAST ENVIRONMENT SUB GROUP
DATE/ TIME: 10th October 2013 at 2pm, Reginald Centre
CHAIR: Cllr Graham Hyde

Present: Councillor Graham Hyde, Chair (CGH), Councillor Asghar Khan (CAK), Councillor Arif Hussain (CAH)

In attendance: Hayley Thackwray (HT), John Woolmer (JW), Steve Vowles (SV), Andrew Birkbeck (AB), Ben Grabham (BG), Sue Upton (SU)

Apologies: Simon Frosdick (SF)

ITEM DISCUSSED	ACTION	
1.0	<u>Minutes of previous meeting and apologies</u>	
1.1	The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.	
1.2	AB informed the meeting that the email address for Simon Frosdick – as stated in the previous minutes – should have read Simon.Frosdick@leeds.gov.uk .	
2.0	<u>New 'One Environmental Service' Update</u>	
2.1	JW distributed a hand-out detailing the latest position with the ALMO merger.	
2.2	JW and SV talked through the current roles and staffing levels of their respective services. JW stated that the status quo would remain in place until April 2014.	
2.3	CGH said he had concerns around the potential for a reduction in staffing levels across the Inner East patch as result of the merger. CAK also expressed concerns around the future collection of bulky waste.	
2.4	JW circulated a second hand-out outlining the potential structure of the new 'One Environmental Service'.	
2.5	CGH said that at the next meeting of the Environmental Sub Group, Elected Members would like more details on the actual numbers of staff and which roles they would be allocated under the new service. JW agreed to bring this back to the next meeting.	JW
2.6	SV explained the potential reallocating of staff from the ALMO as part of the merger with the Council. CGH asked for more details on these proposals in	SV

	terms of staff numbers, roles and responsibilities.	
2.7	SU informed the meeting that recycling rates in the city were up to 52% in June. SU explained that alternative weekly collections are looking to be rolled out across Leeds, though this was unlikely to happen in parts of Inner East.	
2.8	CGH explained that he wanted to use the Environmental Sub Group as a forum for finding ways for the Locality Team, Refuse Service and ALMO staff to better work together and avoid duplication.	
2.9	SU outlined the challenges currently facing the Refuse Service including a 13% reduction in vehicles. SU said that the Refuse Service would be redesigned in a bid to drive improvements and that she would work with JW and SV moving forward.	
2.10	CAK raised a number of issues regarding missed bin collections in the BRH Ward. BG agreed to look into these issues.	BG
2.11	CAH raised issues around the effectiveness of the Call Centre in dealing with Refuse enquiries. JW agreed to provide some performance data from the Call Centre to the next meeting of the sub group.	JW
3.0	<u>Environmental Improvement Zones (EIZs) including latest perception reports and legal actions</u>	
3.1	JW explained that his team had largely got on top of the EIZs in Inner East and they were now monitoring individual cases.	
3.2	CAK fed back that he had positive feedback on the work being done in the Nowells but added that there was scope for improvement in the Bellbrookes.	
3.3	CAK mentioned that Shine in Harehills had been very complimentary on the work of the Locality Team that had involved local schools.	
4.0	<u>Any other business</u>	
4.1	CGH asked that representatives of the Grass Cutting Service be invited to future meetings of the Environmental Sub Group Meeting.	AB
5.0	TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
5.1	Tuesday 3 rd December at 10am 2013 at – AB to book venue.	AB