

Report of Director of Environment and Housing

Report to Housing Advisory Board

Date: 28 January 2014

Subject: HRA funded Enhanced Street Cleansing Pilot

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Chapel Allerton, Gipton & Harehills, Burmantofts & Richmond, Killingbeck & Seacroft		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. The report highlights the outcomes of work done to deliver an Enhanced Street Cleansing Pilot project using HRA funding, and focuses in on some of initial outcomes being seen in the East area of Leeds.
2. This involved appointing temporary staff to undertake a wide variety of work under a new job description which is being piloted.
3. Details contained in the appendix to this report show that the pilot is starting to demonstrate some success and that feedback from people in the locality has been positive. The work will continue until March 2014.

Recommendations

4. Members of the Housing Advisory Board are invited to note the contents of the report.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The report presents some initial outcomes of a pilot project to deliver enhanced street cleansing in the city, trialling a new approach using temporary staff and a new job description.
- 1.2 Members of the Board are asked to note the contents of the report which highlights the approach taken and the outcomes starting to emerge.

2 Background information

- 2.1 The pilot was set up to trial new job descriptions which allow an expanded range of duties to be undertaken.
- 2.2 HRA funding has been used to fund the pilot.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The pilot commenced in May and the new appointees commenced their duties in June/July.
- 3.2 The attached briefing note and appendices provides further details about the aims of the pilot and the trialling of new job descriptions, and some of the initial outcomes being seen in East Leeds.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 The pilot was developed and is being undertaken with the agreement of the Area Committees and in consultation with Area Leaders. There has been positive feedback from local people in East Leeds who have received the enhanced services.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 This is not a decision-making report and so an equality impact screening document is not required. The target neighbourhoods had been determined in conjunction with Area Committees in the light of intelligence about the specific cleansing challenges in their area.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 Keeping the streets clean is a City Priority Plan objective and this pilot was designed to test out new approaches to delivering cleaner streets.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 The pilot was funded through additional funding from the HRA. The outcomes of the pilot will help to inform the development of more efficient and cost effective services.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 There are no legal implications and no decision is being requested therefore there is no call-in period.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 The purpose of the pilot was to test out a new approach and help to identify any issues that may surface during implementation in order to ensure that risks associated with rolling out the new approach can be identified and addressed.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The initial results of the pilot in the East area are set out in the appendix and show that the pilot is proving to be successful and the feedback from local people has been positive. The pilot is not due to finish until March 2014.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report.

7 Background documents¹

- 7.1 Appendix: briefing note on the pilot and appendices

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.