

Minutes



INNER EAST ENVIRONMENT SUB GROUP
DATE/ TIME: Tuesday 3rd December at 10am, Compton 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), Simon Frostdick (SF)

Apologies: None.

ITEM DISCUSSED	ACTION
1.0 <u>Minutes of previous meeting and issues arising</u>	
1.1 The minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.	
1.2 Elected Members fed back that issues remain with refuse collection, specifically the Victoria's, Ivy's, Dorset's and Sandhurst's.	
1.3 BG explained the problems arising with collections on the Dorset's and Sandhurst's and said he would look at issues relating to the Victoria's and Ivy's.	BG
1.4 CAH raised issues with refuse collection on Cross Roseville Road. BG and CAH to meet outside of the sub group to discuss this issue further.	CAH & BG
1.5 Elected Members raised concerns around the grass cutting service, specifically Foundry Walk; Roseville Road/Geldhow Road; Ashley Road/Scarth Avenue. SF said he would feed this back to the contractors and that any future complaints should be routed via himself on simon.frostdick@leeds.gov.uk	SF
2.0 <u>New 'One Environmental Service' Update</u>	
2.1 JW distributed two confidential hand-outs to Elected Members and officers detailing both a potential staff structure and draft job descriptions.	
2.2 CAK stressed that service level should be maintained in those areas with the most need.	
2.3 CGH raised concerns around the reallocation of ALMO staff under the restructure.	

<p>2.4</p> <p>2.5</p>	<p>CAH stated that any new Environmental Service should target which require the most resource to keep them clean.</p> <p>CGH said before any further decisions could take place on how any new resource is allocated between Wards, a rationale needed to be provided for Elected Members. Any rationale should detail levels of demand; the current resource level allocated to maintain the status quo and anticipated workloads in the future. JW agreed to consider this rationale and report back at the next meeting of the sub group.</p>	<p>JW</p>
<p>3.0</p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p> <p>3.5</p>	<p><u>Environmental Improvement Zones (EIZs) including latest perception reports and legal actions</u></p> <p>CAK said that, in his opinion, some of the EIZs aren't working. JW said that this was a timescale issue and that the true results of the EIZs wouldn't be seen for a more prolonged period of time.</p> <p>CGH requested a breakdown on the resources that had gone into the EIZs as well as the outcomes of this work. JW said he would report back at the next sub group meeting.</p> <p>CAH said that he felt that the EIZs were making a positive impact but success rates vary between areas with different demographics and housing mix.</p> <p>CGH echoed this sentiment and said that influencing behavioural change was a key challenge. JW said that closer links could be made with the Area Support Team in respect of achieving the aim of better educating residents about their local environment.</p> <p>Members of the Locality Team are currently conducting resident's perception surveys on the Lambton's (new zone) and re-surveying the Nowell's, Sandhurst's, Dorset's and Hovingham's.</p>	<p>JW</p>
<p>4.0</p> <p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p> <p>4.4</p>	<p><u>Any other business</u></p> <p>CAH raised a number of environmental issues relating to Easterly Road (from Roundhay Road), Luxor View and Elford Place. HT said she would communicate these to the Locality Team to address.</p> <p>BG explained that an Executive Board report on kerbside recycling and alternative weekly collections would be going in January 2014. BG explained the proposals outlined in the report, highlighting that there would be significant changes to bin collections as well as the bulky waste service currently offered by the council.</p> <p>Elected Members expressed concern around a proposal that the Refuse Service wouldn't intervene until there are three missed collections, which could mean six weeks under alternative weekly collection arrangements.</p> <p>SV said that the Housing Leeds restructure was currently underway.</p>	<p>HT</p>
<p>5.0</p> <p>5.1</p>	<p>TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Monday 27th January 2014 at 10am in the Reginald Centre (Room 1)</p>	