

Minutes



INNER EAST ENVIRONMENT SUB GROUP

DATE/ TIME: Monday 27th January 2014 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)

Apologies: Ben Grabham (BG), Simon Frosdick (SF)

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 CAK reported that there were still on-going refuse issues in the Kitson's, Dent's, Nowell's and Clark's.	BG
2.0 <u>New 'One Environmental Service' Update</u>	
2.1 JW circulated copies of draft job descriptions for the proposed One Environmental Service to Elected Members.	
2.2 JW said that the consultation with both staff and the Trade Unions was underway and would be an on-going dialogue.	
2.3 CAK said that aligning staff to areas where they lived should be looked at as part of the restructuring process.	
2.4 JW said he would come back to a future meeting of the sub group with more details of the restructure in terms of resource allocated to each Ward and the rationale behind the allocation after further discussions with partners.	JW

3.0	<u>Environmental Improvement Zones (EIZs) including latest perception reports and legal actions</u>	
3.1	JW circulated the latest EIZ reports to Elected Members, who were happy with the new one page format.	
3.2	CAK asked that Lincoln Green be included as part of any future EIZ reporting. JW said he would ensure this happens.	
3.3	JW highlighted that whilst the statistics relating to the EIZs were generally to be welcomed, the gap between the perception of residents was a cause for concern in some cases.	
3.4	JW said that a more concerted community engagement campaign needs undertaking to help change the permissive culture that exists in some of the worst effected EIZs. CAK and CGH agreed and asked that the Area Support Team take the lead in this regard.	
3.5	AB agreed to draw up a draft community engagement strategy for a pilot area – the Sandhurts – and report back to the sub group ahead of the next meeting.	AB
3.6	CAH said alongside this approach, residents needed to be made aware of the fines being issued in their area as a deterrent to litter. JW agreed to look into ways of better publicising successful cases outside of the tried and tested methods.	JW
3.7	CAH also said that as part of this new engagement process, landlords – both private and social – should be targeted in terms of the expected behaviour of their tenants.	
4.0	<u>Any other business</u>	
4.1	None	
5.0	TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
5.1	Monday 31 st March 2014 at 2pm – Civic Hall (Room A)	