

Note of 22nd January 2014 Meeting 9.30 At Henshaw Depot

Present

Cllr Coulson (Chair)	– Pudsey Member
Cllr Blackburn	– Farnley & Wortley Member
Cllr Wood	– Calverley & Farsley Member
Jason Singh	– Locality Manager Environment & Neighbourhoods
Sam Woodhead	– Service manager Environment & Neighbourhoods
Phil Staniforth	– Parks & Countryside's
Sharon Guy	– West North West Homes
Harpreet Singh	– WNW Area Management

Key Issues discussed:

1. Housing Leeds Update

- Sharon provided an update on the caretaker referrals and informed that Gill Wildman had taken over as the leader for the West area.
- Cllr Coulson noted a very successful partnership at the Wellstones. Work that would have taken weeks was undertaken in one day. Informed another action day had been scheduled with the partnership at the Bawns Estate.
- Cllr Coulson informed residents on the estate were still on bag collections and didn't have wheelie bins and don't know where to put their waste.
- JS noted the waste doctors were doing a lot of work on waste collection. There was an opportunity to work with them. Could undertake a couple of half days offering communal recycling points as recycling was low in the area.
- JS noted phase one and two had been done and phase three was to work on the central part of the city and areas where there is currently bag collections.
- Cllr Blackburn noted there were some tenants who were causing the problem. There had to be some work undertaken with enforcement.

2. Parks & Countryside's update

PS provided an update on works being undertaken by Parks & Countryside's.

- Rodley sport ground: Meeting in February to talk about issues and making progress.
- Brookfield Rec: Undertaking some planting works.
- Cllr Blackburn noted there were funding set aside from Green Leeds that had not been drawn down since 2005 and if not spent, there may be restrictions.
- Victoria Park Calverley: Grant scape funding had been approved.
- The PROW, Executive Design and Forestry teams had moved into Farnley Hall.
- Entrance works at Lawns Lane, Drive and Park had been tarmacked
- Hainsworth Park: Working on external play area with the Young Mums group. Cllr Carter had been updated.
- New Worley Rec: the fencing and bowling green had been dealt with. Awaiting estimates for tarmacking and will be undertaken when preferred costing had been received.
- Western Flats: work had been completed.
- War memorial in Pudsey: Applying for war memorial applications.
- Pudsey Parish church: Yorkshire flags had been put down and the vicar was happy.
- Queens Park: Tarmac contractor for the MUGA would be going back out to rectify

3. Environmental Services Update

- SW presented the standard report which showed service requests split by activity and Cllr requests. The report also showed the programmed sweeping blocks carried out and the road sweepers.
- The bulk of the work was around dog fouling, fly tipping, litter and leafing.
- The enforcement team serve legal notices; send letters out, then a legal notice and finally a FPN. No FPN had been issued as people had complied with the notices.
- Cllr Coulson complemented the work undertaken by David Pearsall and the work of the Team.
- JS informed there was an issue with the special bin wagon used for leaf clearance as it kept breaking. The bin wagon was sent back and more leaf blowers along with additional staff had been recruited.
- Cllr Coulson's expressed his concerns about staff cover when other officers were off sick. JS informed there was no budget for additional resources and that existing staff would be required to cover. However there had not been much sickness and officer's work as a team to support all areas.
- JS updated the sub group on changes to the directorate. The new directorate would be called Environments and Housing. The Almo's had been brought back into LCC to form Housing Leeds. Due to the changes there was no sense in having separate cleansing teams therefore resources would be pulled together from similar working areas.
- JS discussed a proposal for taking forward coordinated working over 7 days using zonal team operations. There would be up to 7 zonal teams in the west where they would work in specific areas.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting Thursday 8th May at Henshaw Depot.