

Minutes



INNER EAST ENVIRONMENT SUB GROUP
DATE/ TIME: Tuesday 3rd June at 2.30pm, Reginald Centre
CHAIR: Cllr Graham Hyde

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

In attendance: John Woolmer (JW), Andrew Birkbeck (AB), Jessica Hodgson (JH), Simon Frosdick (SF)

Apologies: Councillor Arif Hussain (CAH), Ben Grabham (BG), Ann-Marie Broadhead (AMB), Hayley Thackwray (HT)

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 raised the issue of a forthcoming “clean-up day” in the Nowells and the need to engage with them both pre and post event. JW said that he is working with the Neighbourhood Manager for B&RH on this.	JW
1.3 CAK said that the Kitson’s were in need of deep clean. CAK also said that B&RH Ward Members wanted to meet with JW to discuss the EIZs in the Ward. AB to arrange for JW to come to the next B&RH Ward Members meeting.	AB & JW
1.4 2.7 – CAK reported back that he had spoken to Hilary Benn MP on this issue and he had been assured that the issue of private landlords would be addressed in the 2015 Labour party Manifesto.	
2.0 <u>New ‘One Environmental Service’ Update</u>	
2.1 Regarding the new One Environmental Service, JW said that talks were still ongoing with both staff and the Trade Unions. The resource allocated to each Ward in Inner East was still to be worked through via the Sub Group.	
2.2 JW said he was hopeful that he would have more to feedback to Elected Members at the next meeting of the sub group.	

3.0	<u>Environmental Improvement Zones (EIZs) including latest perception reports and legal actions</u>	
3.1	JW said that the EIZ perception surveys would be ready in time for the next meeting of the sub group.	
3.2	JH informed the meeting that there has been an increase in littering notices issued in Gipton & Harehills Ward. JW said that a news release was to go out on this issue specifically relating to Brooklands Avenue.	
4.0	<u>Any other business</u>	
4.1	Elected Members raised the issue grass cutting and the contractors not picking up litter post-cut. SF said he was aware of this issue and he would take the appropriate action. SF added that, due to the recent adverse weather, the contractors were currently four days behind on their 12 day cycle of cuts.	
4.2	AB presented a paper on possible options for community engagement models following a request from Elected Members at the last meeting of the sub group. CGH said in the current financial climate, the idea of commissioning individuals or 3 rd sector groups to do this would prove expensive. CGH asked AB to convene a meeting with himself, the Chair of the Area Committee and Housing Leeds officers to see if they could help in terms of allocating a resource in the short term.	
5.0	TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
5.1	Tuesday 8 th July 2014 between 10am and 12pm – Reginald Centre (Room 1)	