



Report of the Chief Environmental Services Officer

Report to : Inner West Leeds Area Committee

Date: 18 September 2008

Subject: Environmental Services Issues, Inner West Leeds

Electoral Wards Affected:

Armley

Bramley & Stanningley

Ward Members consulted

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 This report enables Environmental Services to give an update on various service related issues within the Area Committee boundary.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 Environmental Services are responsible for a range of streetscene services within the Area Committee area including:-

- refuse collection and recycling
- street cleansing
- bulky waste collection
- fly tipping removal
- environmental enforcement
- household waste sorting sites
- parking related enforcement.

3.0 Main Issues

- 3.1 All of the services provided by Environmental Services have a direct impact on the quality of life of local residents and people who work in or visit the city. They support numerous of the Council's stated Strategic Outcomes and Improvement Priorities.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

- 4.1 Improving environmental standards is a key issue for the Council and for the citizens of Leeds. This has been reflected in targeted action e.g. to improve enforcement, provide additional resources to raise street cleansing standards and also to deliver the Leeds Integrated Waste Strategy.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

- 5.1 Within Environmental Services new Environmental Action Teams have been formed to provide a greater focus on area based working, including enforcement. The manager of the Environmental Action Team covering this Area Committee, Ruth Lees, will be in attendance at the meeting to give a verbal update.

6.0 Conclusion

- 6.1 Environmental Services issues will continue to be a priority for all Area Committees, and it is intended to provide regular updates on key issues either on request from Elected Members or as services develop in the future.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 Members are asked to note the contents of the report and give comment on issues to be covered at future meetings.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None