

Outer East Environmental sub-group minutes 14 February 2012

1. Attendance & Apologies

Cllr Parker (chair), Cllr Dobson, Cllr P Grahame, Martin Hackett (SEAMT), Tom Smith (Env Services), Mike Holdsworth (AVH), Kris Nenadic (P&C), Steve Sheriffe (ENE Homes)

Apologies – Cllrs, Wakefield, Murray, Mitchell

2. Minutes of last meeting

2.1 Agreed. No matters arising not on the agenda.

3. Service Level Agreement (2)

3.1 A paper was distributed that outlined the process for SLA 2 approval for 2012/13.

3.2 Some of the main priorities in SLA 2 were discussed including the following:

- Ongoing ginnels programme – there will be something in relation to a programme of maintenance for priority ginnels
- Dog Service – the staff dealing with these issues will now be in the Locality Teams
- There will be included an allocation of hours for enforcement work by ward
- Mechanical cleaning routes will be looked at

4.0 Ginnel Project

4.1 48 priority ginnels have been identified in South East and all of them have now been assessed.

4.2 The ginnels will now have to be categorised as:

- Those cleared regularly
- Those inspected regularly
- Those left alone

4.3 The decision on categorisation will be made by Members.

4.4 KN reminded all in attendance that when clearing ginnels you had to consider issues such as birds nesting, cutting hedges privately owned etc.

5.0 Dog Fouling

- 5.1 Dog Wardens will now be embedded in locality teams.
- 5.2 There will be extra resources in South East because of the dog fouling problems in the area.
- 5.3 All 48 enforcement staff will do training in dog fouling enforcement.

6.0 Equipment Needs

- 5.1 Providing barrows and brushes in district centres was discussed. Members felt this e a good idea.
- 5.2 Environmental services are looking at the current fleet of vehicles.

6.0 Other issues

- 6.1 There was general agreement that community payback could be used more frequently on clean ups and specific projects.

Date of next meeting: 20 March 2012 at 2pm, Civic Hall, Leaders Boardroom.