

Inner North East Area Committee Environment Sub Group

Terms of Reference

Vision:

An Inner North East Leeds with a clean and tidy streetscape and high quality public green spaces that the whole community can enjoy and take pride in.

Aim:

To provide strategic direction for the improvement of service delivery and the quality of the environment for the Inner North East wards of Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay through targeted response to local priorities, better co-ordination of service delivery and investment in public green spaces.

Objectives:

The over arching objectives of the Environmental Sub Group is to:

1. Oversee the implementation of those parts of the environmental services delegated to the Area Committee.
2. To ensure that the Inner North East Area actively makes a contribution to Leeds becoming the Best City.
3. To seek new initiatives and ways of working to improve the environment across the Inner North East of Leeds.

Within this the sub group will seek to:

- To establish and maintain a productive relationship with Officers to achieve the best outcomes from the available resources.
- Drive forward improvements to public green spaces including parks, play areas and other open spaces.
- To agree and oversee environmental projects in the area.
- To develop and oversee the new ways of working including Environmental Improvement Zones.
- Review delivery of the Grounds Maintenance Contract.
- To co-ordinate a joined up approach to environmental enforcement in its widest sense e.g. to include anti-social behaviour and derelict sites.
- Oversee and give support to the implementation of the SLA, including securing community involvement in the design, deployment and monitoring of the delegated services.
- To receive quarterly reports on the delegated services and closely monitor the performance and outcomes of the SLA.
- With relevant officers, to undertake an annual review of the SLA.
- To assist in the annual development of a new SLA, setting priorities for service delivery.

- To monitor the Probation Community Payback scheme delivery and SLA, agreeing priorities and amendments to SLA.
- Agree Probation Service projects and work schedules to compliment/meet the priorities of the Environmental Sub Group.
- To discuss and agree support for 'In Bloom' groups.
- To discuss methods to raise awareness and provide education in relation to environmental issues.
- To consider in-year variations to the SLA, making agreed recommendations to the Area Committee and Locality Manager to implement.
- To assist the Area Committee in preparing an annual report to Executive Board detailing the performance against service outcomes and the execution of Executive Board policy locally.
- To consider equality, diversity, community cohesion and community safety matters in relation to the delegation of environmental services.

Membership:

The Sub Group includes a ward Member from each ward, including the Area Committee Chair as representative for their ward.

The sub group will be serviced by an Area Support Team Officer, Environmental Locality Team, Probation Service representative and representatives from other services as appropriate. In addition, East North East Homes, Parks & Countryside, Grounds Maintenance (Continental Landscapes), and other major landowners/managers such as Education Leeds will be invited to attend at regular intervals as will officers from planning enforcement.

Frequency of Meetings:

The Sub Group will meet six times a year and make recommendations to the Area Committee for approval. The frequency of meetings will be reviewed annually by the Area Committee.