

Minutes



INNER EAST ENVIRONMENT SUB GROUP
DATE/ TIME : 10th October 2012, 1pm, Civic Hall
CHAIR: Cllr Graham Hyde

1.0 Present: Hayley Thackwray (HT), John Woolmer (JW), Councillor Graham Hyde (CGH), Councillor Arif Hussain (CAH), Carly Grimshaw (CG), Stacey Rockcliffe (SR), Vicki Marsden (VM)

Apologies: Councillor Asghar Khan

ITEM DISCUSSED	ACTION
<p>2.00 <u>Minutes of previous meeting and apologies</u></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true record.</p>	
<p>3.00 <u>Child Friendly City</u></p> <p>3.1 VM briefly reminded the group of Children's Services 'Child Friendly City' agenda and provided information leaflets on this. The aim is to make Leeds a clean and safe place to bring up children. Members asked how this can be translated to helping us promote environmental responsibility in children, through schools and the community.</p> <p>3.2 VM advised that we can work with schools to provide education to children, but believes this is already being done. The challenge is in continuing this beyond the school gates where children may not be getting the same message from their families and community.</p> <p>3.3 A suggestion was made that we need to keep any campaign simple, such as 'Keep Harehills Tidy'. With window stickers and posters on bins that all promote keeping the area tidy and encourage people to sign up to it. We could encourage residents who have shown an interest in this to engage their neighbours and perhaps have mini campaigns throughout the year such as a Cleanest Street award.</p> <p>3.4 It was agreed that we should focus on the environmentally worst area in Inner East, initially, and then repeat in the other areas. Currently the worst area is Harehills, a project is to be proposed for this area and then replicated in the Nowells, BRH.</p> <p>3.5 The sub group decided that VM, JW, HT and CG should scope out a</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">VM/JW/ HT/CG</p>

	project plan and bring a report back on their proposals to the next Sub Group meeting	
4.00	<u>Refuse Service closer working links with EAT.</u>	
4.1	SR explained how the Refuse Service is structured. She is responsible for Black Bin collection city wide and a colleague is responsible for Brown & Green bin collections city wide. Underneath her she has supervisors and work stream Managers but these also work city wide, not locality focused. She has started to meet with JW & HT regularly to encourage better communication links, but because her team is structured very differently it makes it hard for those at supervisor level to do the same.	
4.2	Councillors would like to know which Officer the Locality Team needs to contact on a day to day basis as different issues, such as bin wagon spillages, arise. SR explained that this is where the difficulty lies. As her supervisors are responsible for work streams, not areas, it could be a different person for each issue.	
4.3	If the problems are regular crew behaviour issues, such as not picking up spillages from wagons and bin bags, then she would need to deal with that as a management concern and is happy to be the Councillors contact. She will also continue to meet with JW and HT regularly and will commit to attending one in two IE Environmental Sub Group meetings to discuss issues with Councillors.	
4.4	CAH raised that in Harehills the bin collection day changed to a Friday around 2 years ago. At the time Councillors made it clear that the collections would need to be completed by 12.30pm as Friday is prayer day and the streets around the Mosque are full of cars from that time onwards making it very difficult for the bin wagon to access streets and bins. The time that the wagon is in the area is now getting later and as a result collections are being missed. SR agreed to take this away and perhaps look at having the bin men start at the opposite end of Harehills so that by midday they are not in the area near the Mosque.	SR
4.5	CGH requested that we need a clear, written code of protocols that we can expect bin men to do. Then it will be clear if they have broken any of these and it can be passed to SR for her to deal with. This is because, particularly in Environmental Improvement Zone (EIZ) areas, we need to ensure that the Council is fulfilling its obligations with regards to environmental cleanliness so that we are able to successfully prosecute residents who commit environmental crime.	SR
4.6	A discussion was had regarding Bulky Waste collections as this also causes an issue when trying to encourage residents to dispose of their waste correctly, because there is often a 6 week delay for collections. This is being looked at as part of a city wide review into Environmental Services, so would not currently be appropriate for the sub group to look into at the moment.	

5.00	<p><u>Environmental Locality Team Performance Report</u></p> <p>5.1 12 months worth of Performance reporting is to be brought to Decembers Area Committee. JW distributed a draft of how this information would be presented.</p> <p>5.2 CGH requested that the information show the outcomes of the jobs recorded, i.e. how many of them were prosecuted, how may cases are still unresolved etc. The Locality Team are hoping to be in a position to show an interim statement of results on the EIZ's which will show this.</p> <p>5.3 It was requested that Steve Vowles from ENEHL attend future meetings with their performance information to complete the picture.</p> <p>5.4 CAH requested real life case examples of prosecutions and behaviour modification to future sub group meetings, so that we can see progress.</p> <p>5.5 CGH requested that the Performance data be broken down into EIZ areas as well as per ward</p>	<p>CG</p> <p>JW/HT</p> <p>JW/HT</p>
9.00	<p>TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>9.1 13th November, 1pm, Reginald Centre</p>	