

Outer West Area Committee

Environmental Services Sub Group



Note of 19 October 2012 Meeting 9.30 at Henshaw Depot

Present

Cllr Coulson (Chair)	– Pudsey Member
Cllr Blackburn	– Farnley & Wortley Member
Cllr Wood	– Calverley & Farsley Member
Jason Singh	– Locality Manager Environment & Neighbourhoods
Sam Woodhead	– Service Manager Environment & Neighbourhoods
Steve Spencer	– Locality Supervisor Environment & Neighbourhoods
Phil Staniforth	– Parks & Countryside's
Sharon Guy	– West North West Homes
Kevin Bruce	– West North West Homes
Harpreet Singh	– WNW Area Management

Apologies

None

Key Issues discussed:

1. Continental Landscapes grass cutting contract

Cllr Blackburn informed that grass was still regularly being blown from the central reserve onto the main road and into the gutters. JS explained there was a dip in the performance during summer, however they had made progress. PS informed Parks & Countryside's would be taking over the grass cutting contract and were working with Continental Landscapes on a number of issues and assured the next years performance would be a lot better.

2. Calverley Park grass cutting

Following on from the issues previously reported on poor techniques and standards of grass cutting in Victoria Park, Cllr Wood explained the area in question required planting up.

PS explained that the weather when the complaint was received had been bad and didn't provide the perfect conditions for cutting. However if left the condition would have been far worse and therefore the contract would suffer. It was noted that Frank Robinson was dealing with this particular issue and Cllr Wood and PS would be taking up the issue in January.

3. ALMO Review

SG informed Area Panel members were not fully aware of the situation and how to feedback their points of view in terms of the ALMO Review. Panel members would benefit from further information about the ALMO and how it operates to be in a better position to provide feedback.

Cllr Coulson expressed his interest in there being more partnership and locality working and for more accountability to be given to Area Committees. Cllr Coulson also informed he would be discussing his thoughts with Cllr Gruen and would be requesting a meeting with senior managers.

4. Environmental Services update

JS informed, the team had been working in partnership with Parks & Countryside's and WNWHL.

JS circulated the OW stats and explained the team received mainly reactive works and on the whole stayed on top of the work program. Leaf clearing was the main priority for the remainder of the year and work would be undertaken with Continental Landscapes. SS provided councillors with leafing routes.

5. ALMO Update

KB noted WNWhL had been invited last year and were asked to attend more frequently. Cllr Blackburn noted it would be useful to receive information on the work program of the environmental caretakers and to integrate work with Street Scene going forward. Cllr Wood suggested WNWhL brought performance information relating to environmental works to future meetings.

6. Parks & Countryside update

PS provided an update on development work being undertaken in the 3 wards. PS also informed that Leeds received a gold award from Britain in Bloom.

7. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 19 December 2012 at Henshaw Depot

Actions:

1. Cllrs requested WNWhL to be invited to every other meeting. **HS**
2. Cllr Blackburn noted it would be useful for future meetings to receive information on the work program of the environmental caretakers **SG / KB**
3. Cllr Wood suggested WNWhL brought performance information relating to environmental works to future meetings. **SG / KB**