

Outer West Area Committee

Environmental Services Sub Group



Note of 19 December 2012 Meeting 9.30 at Henshaw Depot

Present

Cllr Coulson (Chair)	– Pudsey Member
Cllr Blackburn	– Farnley & Wortley Member
Jason Singh	– Locality Manager Environment & Neighbourhoods
Sam Woodhead	– Service Manager Environment & Neighbourhoods
Phil Staniforth	– Parks & Countryside's
Harpreet Singh	– WNW Area Management

Apologies

Cllr Wood	– Calverley & Farsley Member
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Key Issues discussed:

1. Partnership Working

Work being undertaken to pathways on the Tofts were discussed and complimented by councillors for the work that had been undertaken in partnership. Further work is underway to improve partnership working with Parks & Countryside's and WNWHL. Work was already underway behind the scenes on providing a more joined up service. Joint working on the Kitson estate was also discussed.

2. Mechanical sweeping blocks

Following on from queries raised at the Outer West Area Committee of 14 December, Mechanical sweeping blocks were discussed. It was noted that the main contributing factor for why blocks were being missed was due to sickness and holidays. Some of the issues in relation to holidays had been inherited. It was also noted that the West North West area was the largest of the three areas; however performance levels were consistent with the other locality areas. No particular blocks were being continually missed.

Satellite tracking on vehicles was also discussed and the possibilities of using the software to increase productivity going forward.

3. Dog fouling and voluntary out of hours staff

Issues relating to 'dogs on leads' controlling orders at Victoria Park were discussed. Discussions also linked to designated Community Parks and that there was currently no formal agreements with any of the local schools. Work will be undertaken by Parks & countryside's to consult with schools that use the park, to consider formalising agreements. This would make it much easier for controlling orders to be put in place.

It was noted that if any orders were to be put in place it would also be important to ensure there is enforcement action being undertaken where necessary. JS informed that work on enforcing action against dog fouling could be looked at as part of the Ward Plan activity and would be happy to undertake targeted work.

Cllr Coulson suggested that the Calverley & Farsley Ward councillors brought forward and discussed what they would like.

4. Parks & Countryside's update

PS provided an update on works being undertaken by Parks & Countryside's. It was noted that the s106 Developer Contribution would be changing to Community Infrastructure Levy and made recommendations for allocating some funding to green space investment.

Actions:

1. Cllrs Blackburn requested that leaf clearing on the HRA to be included on the agenda for the next meeting **HS**
2. Cllr Blackburn at the meeting of 19 October 2012 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 at the meeting of 19 October 2012 that WNWhL brought performance information relating to environmental works to future meetings. **SG / KB**

Next Meeting: Thursday 7 March 2013 9.30am at Henshaw Depot