

INNER EAST ENVIRONMENT SUB GROUP
DATE/ TIME : 26th February 2013, Reginald centre
CHAIR: Cllr Graham Hyde

1.0 Present: Councillor Graham Hyde, Chair (CGH), Councillor Asghar Khan (CAK),

In attendance: Hayley Thackwray (HT), John Woolmer (JW), Steve Vowles (SV), Simon Frosdick (SF), Carly Grimshaw (CG), Mick Johnson (MJ), Mick Breakwell (MB), Sarah May (SM) Stacey Rockcliffe (SR)

Apologies: Councillor Arif Hussain

ITEM DISCUSSED	ACTION
<p>2.0 <u>Minutes of previous meeting and apologies</u></p>	
<p>2.1 The minutes were agreed as a true record.</p>	
<p>3.0 <u>Probation contract</u></p>	
<p>3.1 SM attended to brief members on the changes to the contract that the Area Committee has with Probation Services which has resulted in the fee to continue the service rising significantly from £7.5k to £29k</p>	
<p>3.2 It was explained that as their targets have changed they have put a much higher cost to the service Area Committee receives. For the same amount that Councillors are currently paying, they could continue to receive the service for 52 days per year and chose whether to have this as one day per week or to put the days together as blocks, perhaps in the summer.</p>	
<p>3.3 SV updated that ENEHL also has a contract and they are looking to renew it, he didn't know if they were also facing the same price increase. Members recommended that SM meet with SV and probation services to ensure that the same contract is being offered to everyone and SM/CG to arrange to bring it to Area Committee for members to make a decision on spend.</p>	SM/CG
<p>4.0 <u>Environmental SLA</u></p>	
<p>4.1 JW brief Members on the new SLA intended to be brought to Area Committee for approval. He mentioned that as part of this there is the opportunity for members to 'buy in' services, this could be something such as additional litter picks, members could pay for the overtime and direct the resource.</p>	

4.2	A discussion was had regarding how the EAT team could provide most of what Probation Services are offering but at a much lesser cost, it was also discussed how this role could have an element of environmental education in it, as there is currently no one whose role it is to work with the community to educate them to change their habits.	
4.3	JW was requested to bring a report to Area Committee setting out how his proposal would work, what services they could carry out and how much it would cost. Members can then make a decision at Area Committee regarding how they will fund targeted environmental clean-up services in their area.	JW
4.4	The report JW is bringing to March Area Committee is for discussion only, the SLA for agreement will be brought to the June meeting.	
4.5	Environmental Improvement Zones were discussed; members asked which ones are currently operational and if any new ones have been set up. A discussion was also had about how well they are working. HT informed the group that a new zone was just being set up on the Nowell's and they would work to target the problem streets there, she also mentioned that a Local Management Team meeting was being set up in the area and that this should help to coordinate action.	
5.0	<u>Refuse</u>	
5.1	Members raised that there is still a problem with cleaning up after the bin wagons, a coordinated approach with litter pickers following the wagons to clear the area is not happening.	
5.2	Ways in which this could be combatted; such as bin crews sweeping up after collections were discussed, and one problem which was identified was that information sharing is probably not as good as it could be. Information regarding route failures is not always communicated to the Environmental Action Team (EAT).	
5.3	The group was informed that a 'dashboard' is being developed so that the contact centre can let customers who call know if there has been a route failure. It was requested that they also pass this information to the Environmental Action Team.	SR
5.4	Members stressed that it was important that the different teams are working together effectively before the fortnightly bin collections are introduced at some point in the future, the three main points the group agreed that need to be tackled are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bin Crews aren't cleansing up properly 2. People who live in the area aren't taking care of their own environment and are littering etc 3. Effective enforcement action needs to be carried out. 	
5.5	SR agreed to enhance supervision of bin crews in the Inner East area to ensure that they are doing their jobs effectively, as refuse operatives should be cleaning up any spillages that they make when emptying the bins.	SR
5.6	JW and SV agreed to look at the detail of which streets are the problem streets and why it is always these streets, possibly instructing a mapping exercise be	JW/SV

	carried out.	
5.7	SR agreed that she needs to know about problems as they occur, as she isn't always informed.	
5.8	CG to invite someone from the fortnightly collection working group to the next sub group to discuss progress.	CG
6.0	<u>Any other business</u>	
6.1	The upcoming closure of Stanley Road was discussed, members asked that Andrew Lingham be reminded of his commitment to monitor the surrounding streets after it closes to see if fly tipping increases.	
6.2	The group was briefed that Parks & Countryside will be picking up managing the grounds maintenance and forestry contracts for ENEHL.	
6.3	Members asked that thanks for Wendy Breakwell be minuted, she is moving onto a new role in the council but her hard work in the area has been very much appreciated.	
7.0	TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
7.1	Wednesday 17 th July 2013 @ 2pm, Reginald Centre	