

Minutes of the Streetscene Sub-Group 12.30 pm, 7th December 2007, Civic Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Elizabeth Minkin (Chair)
Richard Brown, North West Area Management
Richard Holdsworth, City Services
Andrew Milnes, City Services
Amratpal Panesar, West North West Homes
Barrie Payne, Headingley Resident
Paul Sanderson, Streetscene Services

APOLOGIES: Cllr Sue Bentley
Cllr Judith Chapman
Graham Hollings
Cllr James Monaghan

ACTION

1.0 Introduction and apologies

2.0 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

2.1 The minutes of the last meeting on 4th September 2007 were agreed as an accurate record.

3.0 Streetscene Update

3.1 Inner North West are still awaiting the installation of additional litter bins. An update is requested prior to the next meeting. **RB/GH**

3.2 It was reported that a limited number of reconditioned bins from the city centre will be installed across Leeds. It is not currently known exactly how many bins would be allocated to the Inner North West Area. Further details to be provided by Streetscene Services. **RB/GH**

3.3 It was reported that the renovation of some bus stops in the Kirkstall area had resulted in litter bins being removed prior to work being undertaken, but not reinstated upon completion. It was noted that there was the potential for a similar issue to arise as a result of the streetlight replacement programme.

3.4 The issue of wheeled bins being left on the streets was discussed. A pilot had been operating using an extra attendant to return bins to gardens/yards once emptied. Whilst this had been effective in some respects it was reported that problems had been observed the following week as the bins were not always brought out from the properties for the subsequent collection.

3.5 It was noted that Enforcement can issue fines against properties that do not put out or take in their wheeled bins. It was requested that further details of the powers **RB**

available be gathered.

- 3.6 **In the new year Streetscene Services will be targeting certain streets and going door-to-door to gather information on occupancy numbers, as well as distributing an information pack that has been produced in partnership with Leeds University Union (key message).** AM

4.0 Yorkstone Paving Proposals

- 4.1 A meeting had taken place between Highway Services and Area Management to discuss the preferred options for expenditure of a fund created by Area Committee for additional Yorkstone replacement.

- 4.2 **A recommendation that the initial schemes to be undertaken be on Cumberland Road and Bankside Road was agreed (key message).** RH

- 4.3 It was agreed that Claremont Road would be considered next year, subject to funding being available.

5.0 Grass Verge Improvements

- 5.1 Following from discussion at the previous meeting, where an ALMO pilot grass meshing scheme was considered, photographs were circulated to the meeting showing the condition of the larger pilot area, thought to be comparable to the site at Old Oak Drive.

- 5.2 Whilst the meshing was proving to be successful across large sections of the pilot site, it was noted that the entrance and exit had not been entirely effective due to the concentration of vehicles passing over this area.

- 5.3 It was agreed that Highways will continue to monitor the pilot scheme and make a recommendation on whether to pursue a similar approach at the Old Oak Drive site in due course.

6.0 Key Messages

- 6.1 The following key messages were agreed:
- Minute 3.6 on efforts being made to raise awareness of bin collection times and procedure
 - Minute 4.2 on the decision to proceed with the replacement of Yorkstone paving in two roads

7.0 Date & time of next meeting

- 7.1 12.30 pm, Tuesday 18th March 2007, Civic Hall