

This report is in relation to work completed by the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team for both street cleansing and environmental action.

Street Cleansing

we are still awaiting a restructure to set up our teams moving forward to best cope with the recent reduction in staffing as part of cost saving for the financial crisis. This week we have been able to appoint 2 new chargehands to the service and one new road sweeper driver, one of these chargehands is a replacement for a vacancy in the Weetwood ward which is positive news for the team in that area. The main priority whilst operating with reduced staff is to ensure litter bins, main footfall area litter picking and fly tip removal, this can mean that overgrown vegetation and verge creep referrals may take longer to action at this time. The de-leaving program is in full swing and is working efficiently this year, we have had a new fleet of sweepers delivered before the start of the program leading to optimal performance.

Enforcement

The current enforcement workload is going well. The amount of service requests our wards receive for enforcement is still very high, but we have a constant flow of cases concluding as new cases come in. The regular officer for Weetwood is going to be away from work for 4 months but plans have been put in place to cover this workload and ensure the ward is not negatively impacted. Members may notice responses to service requests coming from different officers than usually over this period.

Education

James (Street Warden) continues to use an educational approach to address waste issues within the Headingley, Hyde Park, Little London & Woodhouse wards and is receiving regular positive feedback from all different areas of the community. James is still supporting the enforcement of the PSPO in regard to bins on streets which ensures we are able to patrol more regularly and efficiently.

Sandra (Street Warden) continues to provide educational support to the Weetwood ward and will be helping out with the enforcement workload in the officer's absence.

PSPO

The PSPO is still performing well from a waste perspective, and we are seeing gradual behaviour change in the areas we are able to enforce. Due to the success of the PSPO enforcement, we do receive many requests to roll it out to other parts of the ward, but we don't currently have the resources available to do this and are unlikely to gain any resource due to the current financial crisis. Bins on street outside of these patrolled zones aren't enforceable due to a decriminalisation of the primary legislation, this means we have to take an educational approach in these cases.

