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CITY COUNCIL

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Sub-Group
10.30am Tuesday 26th January 2010
Small Banqueting Room
Morley Town Hall

ATTENDANCE	
Cllr Gettings	Ward Councillor
Cllr Finnigan	Ward Councillor
Cllr Golton	Ward Councillor
Kevin Vaughan	Aire Valley Homes
Allan Dixon	Aire Valley Homes
Kim Regan	Streetscene Communications
Robert Tindall	Streetscene
Parvez Hussain	Environmental Enforcement Action Team
Roy Greaux	Parks and Countryside
Sarah Henderson	Area Management Team

1.0	Welcome and Introductions	ACTION
1.1	Introductions were made and everyone was welcomed.	
2.0	Apologies	
2.1	Cllr Elliott, Ward Councillor; Cllr Dunn, Ward Councillor; Phil Diamond, Aire Valley Homes; Sue Spellman, Aire Valley Homes; Kevin Barker, Parks and Countryside; Steve Wetherill, Streetscene.	
3.0	Minutes and Matters Arising	
3.1	Minutes were agreed as an accurate record.	
3.2	<u>Brown Bins</u> Councillor Finnigan requested that a press release be arranged, notifying residents that brown bin collections are back to normal. Some residents in Gildersome had expressed their uncertainty over collections days.	KR
3.3	Councillor Gettings highlighted the positive and quick response received to deal with any issues arisen from the brown bin collection roll out.	
4.0	Health and Environmental Action Service Report	
4.1	HEAS report circulated. Comments received from the group regarding the report to feedback to Mark before the presentation at the March Area Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good to compare with areas across the city but would be more useful to see if ward data available. • Councillors want to know if it is an effective use of resources, statistics require further explanation. 	SH

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too much data and very hard to understand, it requires some context to help explanation • Lots of acronyms which added to making the report hard to understand. • Hard to get meaning from the report. • Councillors highlighted importance of regular reporting back on work carried out. Responsiveness from services may be good but important that Ward Councillors are aware of when work completed and what was completed. • Be good to highlight issues in Outer South and solutions to tackle them in the longer term 	
5.0	Action Plan	
5.1	Updates on Action Plan received. See Action Plan.	
5.2	<p>Litterbins Proposal needs to consider both maintenance of bins from when they are installed but to monitor if require more frequent emptying. Streetscene confirmed that crews monitor use of bins and if bins need emptying more frequently it is programmed in.</p> <p>Streetscene to develop proposal for 10-20 bins across the Outer South including, cost, locations, project timescale and capacity to maintain them.</p>	
5.3	<p>Ginnels Group agreed that pilot project to map Outer South ginnels had become drawn out over several months and project needed an urgent refocus on achieving actions. Initial meeting saw poor partnership support. AMT to arranged a further meeting to progress in December. This saw positive support from partners and an agreed way forward. The next meeting has been arranged for early February.</p>	SH
5.4	<p>Waste Segregation Pilot Week commencing 15th February official roll out of bins. First collection on 25th Feb. Streetscene communications team have educational resource to answer residents queries.</p> <p>Pilot will be monitored for 6months. All food collected and will be used to make compost for agricultural use. 8,500 households receiving pilot. Fortnightly collection of green bin, brown bin and black bin. Weekly food waste collection.</p>	SH
5.5	<p>Operation Champion Ward Members to be informed of full operation in Rothwell and as Env Pride incorporated into Rothwell Champion would like to know area targeted for clean up.</p>	

5.6	<p>Garden Maintenance Map circulated illustrating Aire Valley Homes houses and the locations of garden maintenance service clients. Members highlighted Drighlington, Thorpe, East Ardsley and Winthorpes as areas to be targeted with publicity for 10/11 scheme.</p> <p>Information to be circulated around Sub Group and to Neil Lennox and Action Groups.</p>	SH
5.7	<p>Environmental Pride AVH identified Manor Road, Hepworth Avenue car park and Hepworth Crescent ginnels as area to target on 17th Feb Env Pride.</p>	
5.8	<p>CAST Streetscene to look at how CAST is monitored and reported back to Ward Members Group requested that the use of before and after photos circulated to Members as method of updating them be explored.</p> <p>Enforcement Team visit reported flytipping and try to find evidence of a culprit to prosecute. Regular hotspots are under surveillance. There is a LCC CCTV surveillance team but resource intensive.</p> <p>Enforcement Team confirmed that dependent on law being broken and land ownership, depends on whether the prosecution is undertaken by the Environment Agency or the local authority. E.g. chemical waste would be the Environment Agency responsibility and having no waste carriers license would be LCC prosecution.</p>	RT
5.9	<p>Green Space Update on Smithy and Thorpe Recreational Grounds. Smithy Rec started on site in January, delayed due to weather. Thorpe undergoing re-tendering as over budget.</p> <p>Councillors identified need for list of approved contractors on procurement's approved list be looked at to ensure value for money.</p>	Area Committee
6.0	<p>Area Committee Enhanced Roles</p>	
6.1	<p>Ward Based Briefings identified as most suitable forum for Streetscene to meet with Members and receive input into the Streetscene street cleansing and refuse waste collection</p>	
7.0	<p>Any Other Business</p>	
7.1	<p>Grit Bins Request from Cllr Golton to investigate potential for Area Committee to fund new grit bins in Outer South but aware ongoing cost to maintain. AMT to email Steve Monks to explore resource implications, maintenance issues and criteria for identifying locations.</p>	SH

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7.2	<p>Springhead Park Cllr Golton raised that a couple of boulders at Springhead Park had been moved and if Parks and Countryside could look at and monitor to ensure the boulders continue to act as a deterrent.</p>	SH
7.3	<p>Dog Fouling Referral to be made to Dog Warden Service: green area and verge on corner of Low Shops Lane and Haigh Side Drive, Rothwell.</p> <p>Group identified dog licenses as solution to resource problems faced by the service including number of officers for patrols and to undertake educational work.</p>	Area Committee
7.4	<p>Arterial Routes Whitehall Road to Drig Bypass and bottom half of wide lane, leaf mould a problem.</p> <p>Litter on arterial roads Dewsbury Road and Drighlington Bypass a significant issue. Enforcement investigating and Streetscene to address.</p>	RT RT
8.0	Date of the Next Meetings	
8.1	10.30am Tuesday 13 th April, Small Banqueting Room, Morley Town Hall	SH