



Report of the East North East Area Leader

North East Inner Area Committee

Date: 14 March 2011

Subject: Environmental Delegation Update

Electoral Wards Affected:
Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council
Function

Delegated Executive
Function available
for Call In

Delegated Executive
Function not available for
Call In Details set out in the
report

Executive Summary

This report is to provide members with an update on the proposed delegation of Environmental Services functions to the Area Committee in June/July 2011.

Purpose Of This Report

1. The purpose of the report is to provide members with an update of the progress made in relation to the proposed delegation of Environmental Services to the Area Committee in June 2011.

Background Information

2. On 6th August 2010, Area Chairs proposed that a range of environmental services be delegated to Area Committees.
3. The scope of the delegation includes the following services:
 - Mechanical street cleansing;
 - Manual street cleansing (litter picking);
 - Litter bin emptying;
 - Flytipping removal & enforcement;
 - Leaf clearing;
 - Dog controls (strays, fouling);
 - Highways enforcement;
 - Graffiti enforcement work
 - Domestic and commercial waste storage & transportation control;
 - Overhanging vegetation control; and
 - Litter control (FPNs, flier controls etc.)
4. Refuse and recycling collection services and city-centre street cleansing activities are excluded from the scope of the delegation.
5. The delegation of services will be controlled, monitored and reviewed through a Service Level Agreement (SLA). There will be one SLA per Area Committee, which will take account of events and occurrences distinct to each locality.

Progress Update

6. Work is progressing on the development of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) for each Area Committee, with a generic template being agreed by Area Chairs on 11th February. A first draft of the Inner North East Area Committee SLA will be shared with Members at a workshop scheduled to take place on 24th March, 10am-1pm, to which you will have received an invitation on 31st January. To inform the detail of the SLAs, service resources have been allocated across the City on a wedge basis, detail of which will be available at the March workshops, if not already shared with Members. Members will have further opportunity to input and comment on their SLA prior to the final version being presented for approval at the June/July Area Committee.
7. Appointment of the three Locality Manager posts, who will manage service delivery to meet the requirements of their respective area's SLAs, is due to take place in March. Area Chairs will be involved in part of the recruitment process for the posts, with the final

decision on appointments however, remaining with senior officers. As soon as the appointments are formalised Members will be informed of who their Locality Manager is.

8. At their last meeting, Area Chairs discussed the potential roles of Deputy Area Chair, Environmental Champion and Environment Sub-group. Presently, some Area Committees have one or more of these roles, whilst others have none. It was agreed that whilst the roles will remain informal, i.e. have no decision making authority, they will be a valuable mechanism for dealing with the SLA and service delivery matters in a timely manner between formal Area Committee meetings. With regard to the function that a sub-group could undertake this would be especially relevant prior to and during the initial stages of the delegation. Once the delegation is in place and effective then local arrangements can be made as to how to deal with operational issues and the SLA, agreed as a wedge and/or between the Area Committees and their Locality Manager. In some cases the sub-group may be a time limited 'task and finish group' ,in other areas the sub-group may fulfil a more ongoing role of overseeing the SLA outside of formal Area Committee business.

Recommendations

7. Members are requested to note the content of this report.

Background Papers

- a) Area Committee report 'Delegation of Environmental Services' 31st January 2011
- b) 'Environmental Services Delegation - Member Information' provided via email 31st January 2011