

Appendix 1

Outer East Environmental sub-group minutes 13 December 2011

1. Attendance & Apologies

Cllr Mitchell (chair), Cllr Parker, Martin Hackett (SEAMT), Tom Smith (Env Services), Mike Holdsworth (AVH), Anne Marie Broadhead (ENE Homes), Steve Sheriffe (ENE Homes)

Apologies – Cllrs, Wakefield, Murray, Dobson and Grahame, Kris Nenadic

2. Minutes of last meeting

2.1 Minutes agreed. TS to investigate overgrown land in Kippax raised by Cllr Parker detailed on minutes.

3. Performance Report

3.1 Noted that this would be discussed in more detail at Area Committee.

3.2 It was noted that the end of year report would provide more detail around cleanliness and performance monitoring.

3.3 Cllr Parker felt that communication with Parish Councils needed to be improved. They had raised a query with him about having to fund a lengths man when, in their view, LCC should be paying for it.

4.0 Priority Estates

4.1 Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe are the only priority estates currently identified in Outer East. There have been several estate walkabouts that have identified the following:

- Garden standards generally good with only a small number requiring letters
- Area of land being used for tipping and cable stripping. This has been cleared up and WYP notified.
- Raised planters in Halton Moor. Bid submitted to Area Panel for them to be removed. They are unkempt and vandalised.

Actions:

- Send TS future walkabout dates

- Agreed to consider other priority estates for environmental improvement – Swarcliffe was suggested
- Agreed to get information on priority issues in other estates/neighbourhoods in Outer East

5.0 Report from Aire Valley Homes

5.1 This report was requested by Members at the previous meeting. The report detailed partnership work with various agencies and departments in LCC as well as community engagement and involvement that will influence the agenda relating to environmental improvements.

Action:

- Agreed to circulate the report to all Members of Area Committee.

6.0 Other issues

6.1 Environmental Services are working with Highways to identify all the ginnels in Leeds. Highways are in the process of surveying all ginnels in the city, but could take up to 18 months to inspect them all. Env services are exploring how they might help with this process.

6.2 Winter contingency arrangements – Env services staff have previously been used to help highways staff with gritting and snow clearance during severe weather conditions, but have usually been given the alternative option of taking the day off as leave. The new arrangements will be that staff will not be offered the chance to take leave in order to maximise the amount of resources available to support Highways.

6.3 Priority areas in severe conditions will be schools, doctors and hospitals, shopping areas and older persons complexes. Both AVH and ENE Homes will link in to deal with priority areas.

7.0 SLA 2012/13

7.1 Consultation with Members will start in the new year. It is likely to go to Area Committee in July 2012.

Date of next meeting: 14 February at 2pm, Civic Hall, Leaders Boardroom.