

## **Outer East Environmental sub-group minutes**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012**

### **1. Introduction and Apologies**

Attendance: Cllr McKenna (chair), Cllr Grahame, Cllr Mitchell, Cllr Harland, Martin Hackett (SEAST), Tom Smith (Env. Services), Anne-Marie Broadhead (ENE) Mark Gray (AVH), Krstan Nenadic (Parks & Countryside), Martin Hackett (Area Support Team), Peter Mudge (Area Support Team).

Apologies – Cllr Dobson

### **2. Minutes of last meeting**

2.1 Approved

#### **2.2 Matters Arising:**

2.2.1 2012 In Bloom tournament - Leeds City received the gold award and Outer East won five golds.

2.2.2 In the national competition Kippax was joint category winner, Billy Woods won an environmental impact award and Kippax in Bloom Chair Pat Sammy won a community involvement award.

2.2.3 In the Yorkshire in Bloom categories Garforth won gold and was category winner enabling it to enter Britain in Bloom next year.

2.2.4 Other awards were: Scholes - Silver Gilt, Micklefield – Silver, Great & Little Preston – Silver, Allerton Bywater - Silver Gilt, Ledston – Silver and Swillington – Silver.

2.2.5 The Chair will issue a press release congratulating winners and participants.

### **3. Terms of Reference (ToR)**

3.1 A wider range of updates from a wider range of participants will be included for future meetings.

### **4. Service Performance**

4.1 **Overall Cleanliness** – With regard to Ward Priorities, throughout the autumn the priority areas have been, (or are being,) surveyed in order to decide on specific actions to take. Actions focus on changing behaviours and include enhanced patrol work and proactive action around environmental issues.

4.2 **Service Delivery** –

4.2.1 A review of mechanical cleaning blocks is underway and is targeted for implementation in January 2013 in order to focus resources on priority areas.

## 5. SLA Priorities

- Aire Valley Homes is doing a lot of work on ginnel standards and the Locality team will look to maintain areas to that standard.
- A pilot scheme has been completed with Armley Prison whereby 6 trainees undertook 5 weeks of projects with the Locality team. The project was seen as a great success and it is hoped the project can become a regular one and be broadened to include other council service areas.
- § Close working is developing with Parks and Countryside to identify areas where resources can be combined to create benefits, An example is Parks and Countryside emptying some litter bins on the highway during week days in return for our emptying bins in some parks on weekends (when they have no staff in work). Reciprocal arrangements have been agreed for Manston and Temple Newsam Parks.
- § Partnership projects are also being discussed with the police though discussion and identifying projects is ongoing.
- § The cctv cameras funded by Outer East Area Committee are being deployed across the wedge area. Initially there were some teething problems however these have been resolved and there is no doubt the cameras have a great future which should lead to prosecutions.
- § Each ward now has 10 additional or replacement litter bins.
- § With regard to public benches, Kris said they need external funding but, once funded, they will be maintained by Property Services and Parks & Countryside.

- § The restructure of enforcement and regulatory services is continuing. Interviews are taking place and the new structure should be in place after Christmas.
- § It was agreed there will be an update on staff provision and on weekend services and overtime at the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 – Civic Hall