

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

(Cllr James Smith)

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DIRECTOR: Sayyed Osman

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PUBLIC PROTECTION SERVICE

Shisha lounge prosecution - Blackburn with Darwen Council have prosecuted the manager of a Shisha lounge who allowed customers to smoke Shisha Pipes inside, in contravention of the smoking ban in enclosed public places under the Health Act 2006. Adi Jaber the manager of Sahara on Darwen Street, Blackburn failed to attend Blackburn Magistrates court for the case on Friday 1st March 2013. He was fined a total of £1520 after the case was proved in his absence. Officers visited the premises on 7th September 2012 and found a number of people smoking shisha pipes inside enclosed areas of the building and during a further visit on 9th November people were again smoking inside.

On 2 May 2013 a multi-agency workshop took place in Blackburn. The aim of the workshop was to determine future actions which can be taken to improve the work being done to tackle these businesses which operate in contravention of regulations designed to prevent harm to health.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Self- Management of Bowling Greens - Following discussions with bowling clubs that use Council greens, the clubs at Whitehall Park, Hoddlesden (Blacksnape Playing Fields), Olive Lane, Corporation Park, Highfield Park and Roe Lee Park have taken the opportunity to manage the bowling greens and interior of bowling pavilions at their respective sites. This follows on the move by Edgworth bowling club to take up the self-management option some 14 months ago. This means that at present, the only remaining club not to take on self-management is at Green Park.

Recycling and Waste - Waste tonnage to landfill for 2012/13 was comparable with the previous financial year, showing no increase. Early indications for recycling, which are still dependant upon some data being verified, are likely to show a slight reduction in recycling across the borough. The Council is working actively to look at different ways in which we can promote recycling, including engaging with schools and voluntary groups.

Cemetery Extension at Pleasington - Work on the extension at Pleasington Cemetery has commenced, which should see the work concluded for autumn this year. The extension will provide up to 15 years burial space.