

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

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‘CLEAR ALL’ POLICY

Following a review of Environmental Services, we will be implementing a Clear All policy from Monday 30 November 2015. The Council's refuse collection service will start to remove excess waste in suitable bags left at the side of the burgundy bins. This is part of a plan to speed up the removal of the dumped rubbish and to tackle those who put excess rubbish out on a regular basis.

The enforcement team will work closely with the refuse collection team on the Clear All policy. Enforcement staff will visit known problem areas for dumped waste in advance of the refuse collection teams, to deal instances where we can identify who has dumped the rubbish. Enforcement action will be taken against those who dump rubbish and where properties are private rented; we will also tackle landlords, who have responsibility for their tenant's actions and a commitment to provide bins for their tenants.

Following the refuse team removing the rubbish in bags, bulky rubbish will be removed by the separate fly tipping and bulky waste team, before the next refuse collection service takes place.

RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

The Council has initiated a number of recycling project trials across the borough to target contaminated recycling bins and to also increase participation in recycling by residents. We have experienced positive results seen in the trial areas. The Council will be raising the profile of recycling with residents and the benefits of recycling as part of a communication campaign in the New Year.

YOUR CALL

Your Call volunteer clean-up events continue to be popular and attract a large number of volunteers. The Leader of the Council held workshops for Councillors in November on Your Call to encourage ward councillors to support and galvanise clean up events within their Wards and we hope this this results in even more clean up events in 2016.

In addition to the Your Call clean-up volunteers, the Council has individual volunteer litter pickers. Over 250 equipment packs have been distributed since summer 2013, providing residents with all the equipment they need to keep their locality clean, with these dedicated and community spirited residents, sweeping and litterpicking their neighbourhoods on a regular basis.

STREET LIGHTING

Over 15,000 units have now been installed as part of the LED retrofit. A full evaluation of the Street lighting Service is currently being undertaken to establish the level of service required to undertake maintenance post LED retrofit contract.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Lining and iron work continues as part of the micro asphalt works; pressure has been applied on Kier to complete this work. All works are expected to be complete before the end of December. Carriageway patching works for Network Recovery will mobilise in January. All the original carriageway surfacing sites have been completed. Work will commence in December on those sites omitted from the micro asphalt programme to undertake carriageway inlay works.

DRAINAGE / FLOOD MANAGEMENT

There were a total of 20 flooding issues reported on 9/11/15 during the period of heavy rain. All available HAMIS operatives were mobilised to deal with the issue that was brought under control by the end of the working day. The main cause of the flooding was due to the recent leaf fall blocking gully grates. Some minor damage has been caused to the highway which will be rectified in the coming weeks.

WINTER MAINTENANCE

The winter maintenance service is fully mobilised and the salt barn is full.

STREET WORKS

Advice surrounding A-Boards and other items placed on the highway by shop owners has been uploaded to the BwD web site. Leaflets have also been printed that can be issued to traders during enforcement visits to premises.