

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT**

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### **SATURDAY CAGE WASTE COLLECTIONS**

This is the third year (started November 2013) that the Cleansing team have managed an autumn and spring programme of providing caged vehicles at locations across the Borough on Saturday mornings, to which local residents can deposit household waste free of charge – specifically ‘bulky’ rubbish.

In autumn 2015, the service was developed so the staff at the same time as assisting residents with the removal of their bulky household waste items:-

- clean and sweep adjacent back streets
- put up no dumping signs
- leaflet householders to notify them of the work done

Having operated a successful programme from October to December 2015, a further programme of sites will be developed to commence in early February 2016, until the end of April.

### **CLEAR-ALL**

The Council’s refuse collection and enforcement team introduced a Clear-All policy for waste, in an attempt to create a cleaner borough and also to highlight and take speedy enforcement action against those who dump rubbish in back and front streets. Whilst the initiative has been in operation, since its introduction on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015, a reduction in the amount of waste being dumped has been seen in the first few weeks, although it is recognised that this will take a few months to fully see the benefits.

## **PUBLIC PROTECTION & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

### **STREET LIGHTING**

Over 16,065 units have now been installed as part of the LED retrofit with the completion remaining as March 2016. 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**

Due to savings made on the Network Recovery 2015/16 programme a total of 16no additional schemes have been brought forward from the 2016/17 approved programme. These works will commence in January 2016 along with pre-patching works for the 2016/17 surface dressing works.

### **DRAINAGE / FLOOD MANAGEMENT**

Heavy persistent rain during December generated a large number of flooding issues/enquiries. HAMIS has dealt with the majority of these problems however there is some minor damage to the highway drainage network which is programmed to be repaired in January.

### **WINTER MAINTENANCE**

The current exceptionally mild winter has resulted in only three call outs up to 22/12/15. The weather conditions continue to be monitored with the service ready for any potential changes in the coming months.

### **STREET WORKS**

The BwDBC Permit Scheme was recently approved at Executive Board. Work on this will commence in January with an expected implementation in July 2016