

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT

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YOUR CALL - Quarter 2, covering July, August and September was another busy period for coordinated Your Call events, with 40 clean up events consisting of 1,299 volunteers having taken part (including. This compares with 37 clean ups, and 1001 volunteers in Q2 2013.

In the same period, a further 26 Your Call clean up packs were provided to community minded individuals who assist the council with litter picking their local area, bringing the total to over 100.

FREE SATURDAY MORNINGS COLLECTION OF BULKY HOUSEHOLD RUBBISH - This service, which was piloted in Autumn 2013 and ran through to June 2014, is due to start up again in October 2014. The aim is to provide another route for people to easily dispose of their bulky rubbish, alongside the Council services of the household waste sites and the bulky collection service.

Approximately four locations will be provided with this service every Saturday, spread across the Borough, using caged vehicles. The service will accept all household rubbish and separate out recyclable items – electrical items, metal etc. As previously, the sites will be promoted by local leaflet drops. Councillors have been consulted on site locations, with all Wards receiving a collection over the winter months.

WINTER MAINTENANCE - Mobilisation is now underway and the 2014-15 staff rota has been drafted and is being discussed. Vehicle, gritters and plant have had their summer services and ready for the new season.

The salt barn is being restocked with 2900 tonnes of salt now in stock. Winter maintenance commences on 27th October running to week commencing 30th March 2015. We will be working closely with the NHCS Portfolio to facilitate winter squads.

LED RETROFIT - Installation of LED lanterns commenced with a soft start on w/c 30 June using HAMIS in-house resources. With the additional of external resource HAMIS now have four installation teams in total. There are now 2000 LED units installed.

The design and delivery teams are now fully mobilised: planning the project, undertaking designs mobilising contracts and managing the health and safety aspects in advance of a busy delivery programme through the autumn months.

DRAINAGE / FLOOD MANAGEMENT - A review of the gully cleaning policy is currently being undertaken.

The drainage team continue to work with the Civil Contingency team preparing the Emergency Response Plan. The drainage team are also working with the planning section regarding the Master Plan for the Gib Lane / Roe Lee and Hays Lane development sites.

The Drainage team are currently working with the Environment Agency on the Waterfall, Wrangling and Jacks Keys reservoir projects.