



## **Cabinet Member Report for Environment**

**Northampton Borough Council**

**Monday 14 December 2015**

### **Environmental Health**

On Tuesday 10 November the operators of Baltika 143–145 Kettering Road were found guilty of a health and safety offence relating to the guarding of an area that was being used for storage. Fines totalling £2106.12 were imposed by the Court.

During November the Food Team have joined in the Food Standards Agency's campaign to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme. By checking the rating of a food business, customers can be reassured that they have chosen a business that takes food safety seriously. Ratings are updated on a monthly basis and can be checked via a link from the NBC website or by checking the green and black stickers displayed in food businesses.

### **Environmental Services**

The winter bedding has been planted and the winter barrier baskets installed.

Following consultation with the local football leagues, the senior pitches at Errington Park and Round Spinney have been replaced with 2 x 9v9 pitches.

Hedge cutting has been completed at Kingsthorpe, Duston and Towcester Road cemeteries.

### **Environmental Services (Direct Services)**

The number of black sacks being left out on the highway have been reducing considerably, as the customers start to get the message that the practice of putting out black sacks instead of the official green sacks is not acceptable and that they face being fined.

Unfortunately, there are a few people that continue to fly-tip and remove all their identification from the sacks, so as not to get caught. The Neighbourhood Wardens are monitoring those areas and working with residents to try and catch those responsible.

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