



## Cabinet Member Report for Environment

Northampton Borough Council

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### **Environmental Services Re-Provision**

The Council undertook extensive consultation with residents and stakeholders in preparation for the procurement process to support the design of the needs and the requirements for the next Environment Services Contract which will start in June 2018.

This consisted of face to face interviews during summer 2016 and a postal survey open to all residents during winter 2016/17.

The procurement process has now started and Cabinet is receiving quarterly updates

The selection stage of the procurement process has recently been completed and selected bidders have been invited to develop their initial proposals for the delivery of the future services. These proposals will be submitted during summer 2017.

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

- Victoria Park – The children's enclosed play area has been extended and additional play equipment installed; a climbing frame, roundabout, sit on springers, sit on mushrooms and interactive play boards.
- Abington Park – The new play train has been installed in the main play area and will soon be open for the young children's adventures to start.
- Bollards have been installed at the main entrance to White Hills Recreation Ground, Acre Lane, Kingsthorpe to prevent any further illegal encampments by passing travellers.

### **Environmental Health**

#### ***Enforcement Service***

The procurement process for a service to provide targeted enforcement to address littering and other environmental crime is progressing. A report will be presented to Cabinet later this week more information about the planned service.

#### ***Food and Safety***

A prosecution of a takeaway and its operator for food hygiene offences was concluded. A total fine of £5065.00 was levied for these offences.

### **Park Management Committees**

Love Parks week will be supported from 14-23<sup>rd</sup> July. Discussion with all the PMCs are taking place, to coordinate the activities across the parks during the week, including utilising a free App to develop trails, litter picking at Becketts, Kite Flying at Eastfield and a football festival at the Racecourse, plans continue to be developed and finalised.

Lots of activity is being developed and supported through the PMC's and Friends Groups, including, the creation of a Wildflower Meadow at Eastfield Park, the completion of a sensory garden at both Dallington and Abington Park. And at Becket's the Towns first Mela is planned

for 30<sup>th</sup> July – 12-4pm, lots of performances and stalls booked. The Buddies of Becket's have also been successful in gaining funding for a new Parks Officer post, who has started making links with organisations and businesses to improve and increase activities in the park

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