



Cabinet Member Report for Environment

Northampton Borough Council

Monday 10th July 2017

Environmental Services Re-Provision

The Environmental Services Re-Provision project is progressing satisfactorily.

The first stage of the procurement process (selection stage) is now completed. Nine Potential Providers submitted a request to participate in response to the Authority's call for competition and completed the selection questionnaire.

Following the assessment of the information provided, the Authority invited five Potential Providers to proceed to the next stage of the procurement process, Invitation to Submit Initial Tenders (ISIT). Three Potential Providers accepted our invitation and our continuing with the competitive process. The ISIT stage started in May 2017 and we expect submissions of Initial Tenders proposals in July 2017. Evaluation of these submission will then follow.

Unless the Authority is able to award the contract on the basis of the Initial Tenders, it is envisaged that a negotiation period will take place during late summer.

Environmental Services (Direct Services)

- New play equipment has been installed at Abington Park. The "Train" has been reintroduced after the two previous trains were wrecked by arsonists. This time, the train has been made out of metal and should be robust enough to give the children and their parent's year's fun. An open day for the official launch of the train is to take place at Abington Park on 10th June, where there will be a magic show and face painting.
- Bollards have been installed at Becketts Park, Acre Lane and Midsummer Meadow to help prevent vehicles driving on to the grass and causing damage.
- Victoria Park has had its children's play area extended and additional play equipment installed.
- This month, thirteen additional litterbins have been installed at various locations around the town, to name a few, the Racecourse, Dallington Park, Abington Square, Becketts Park, Delapre Park and London Road.

Environmental Health

Officers from the food team are supporting the Food Standards Agency campaign to promote safe summer food.

The Environmental Protection Team are working with colleagues to progress the development of the Low Emissions Strategy Action Plan.

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