



Cabinet Member Report for Environment

Northampton Borough Council

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Environmental Services Re-Provision of Contract

The project's main objective is to secure the new Environmental Services Contract for NBC from June 2018, when the contract with the current service provider expires.

Following a robust review of available commissioning options and the consequent approval of the Business Case and Procurement Strategy by Cabinet in January 2017, the project entered the procurement stage in February 2017, with the publication of the OJEU notice.

NBC elected to use the Competitive Procedure with Negotiation to undertake the procurement of the new contract.

After the completion of the selection stage, NBC issued the Invitation to Submit Initial Tenders to suitable candidates in May 2017. Initial Tenders were received in August 2017 and the evaluation panel, consisting of officers, legal and technical advisers, is currently undertaking the evaluation of the bids received.

We anticipate that the remaining stages of the project are implemented as planned. The Negotiation stage with remaining bidders will be undertaken during September and October 2017 and the Invitation to Submit Final Tenders will be issued in October 2017. Finally, Cabinet will consider the recommendation to award the new Environmental Services Contract to the preferred bidder at a future meeting in January 2018.

Environmental Services

New bollards have been installed at Thornton Park, Spring Park, Acre Lane and the Racecourse to help cut down on the number of unauthorised vehicles driving on to them. Further improvement works are planned at Abington Park and Kingsthorpe Recreation Ground and we are undertaking a review of access arrangements for all other parks and open spaces.

The new security fence has now been installed at Harlestone Road Allotment. The fence was required to protect the plot holders sheds, tools and themselves after a large number of break-ins and vandalism.

The new St Crispin Allotment is now up and running and an allotment committee has now been formed by the plot holders.

Two new footpaths have been installed to make access to the open spaces easier for users. The first one is off Conifer Rise and the other one is off the High Street to Cherry Orchard, Hardingstone.

Environmental Health

The provision of an environmental enforcement service is currently out to tender. It is planned that the service will begin operation later in the autumn.

The Low Emissions Strategy for Northampton is currently being finalised to take account of the results of the Public Consultation and input from Scrutiny Panel 4, whose recommendations were presented to the September Cabinet meeting.

Park Management Committees

Love Parks Week – coordination of the activities and promotion, across the Parks. Becketts, Eastfield, Abington and the Racecourse all joined in to promote the week by holding an event, including kite flying, health walks and litter picking.

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