



Cabinet Member Report for Environment

Northampton Borough Council

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Environmental Services Re-Provision

The Environmental Services Re-provision project has recently completed two strategic milestones.

Negotiation meetings with bidders took place between 19th September and 18th October. The meetings addressed key commercial, technical, legal and financial aspects of the bidders' solutions and the outcome has been successful.

The Invitation to Submit Final Tenders was issued as planned. Bidders are expected to submit their final tenders by 17th November. Evaluation will follow and it is currently anticipated that the recommendation to award the Environmental Services Contract to the preferred bidder will be discussed at a Cabinet meeting in January 2018.

Parks and Open Spaces Improvements

- Working in partnership with the Police, Northampton Borough Council has funded a project to curb anti-social behaviour under the arches at Millers Meadow, Semilong. The work carried out involved some dredging of the neighbouring riverbank and the installation of palisade fencing to the rear of the Super Sausage Café and across a section of the bridge on Spencer Bridge Road.
- At Kingsthorpe Recreation Ground, bollards and a gate have been installed to stop unauthorised vehicles from accessing the park; improving the safety of park users.
- At Milverton Pocket Park, a new small child's double swing has been installed to complement the rest of the relatively new play area.
- New or improved play areas are also being planned for Aberdare Green Space, Far Cotton Recreation Ground and the Racecourse.

Environmental Health

The Environmental Enforcement procurement process is currently in progress and we will soon be making an announcement about the contractor who will be working with us to deliver this service.

Work is progressing to finalise the low emissions strategy for adoption and to progress the declaration of the town centre air quality management area.

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