



Cabinet Member Report for Environment

Northampton Borough Council

Monday 20th January, 2020

Environmental Services Re-Provision

The Environmental Service provided through the contract continues to improve, recycling rates continue to improve, missed bin collections continue to decrease.

Approximately 3000 properties transferred from sacks to bins in November/December with little or no problems though we have received a few negative enquiries but we hope to resolve these in the very near future.

Street cleansing standards continue to improve and a task and finish group has been established to reduce the amount of flytipping experienced in some hotspots in the town.

The winter maintenance programme continues and plans are being prepared for next seasons grass cutting operations.

A Cemeteries and graveyard guidance document has been produced and is now being prepared for adoption into policy.

Senior management meetings with Veolia continue to take place, assessing and monitoring performance.

Environmental Services (Direct Services)

Ecton Brook Play Area has been completed and the feedback from local residents has been very positive.

Abington Park Aviary – The old dilapidated Peacock sheds have been replaced with new ones with lights and heaters.

St David's Allotments – The entrance gates at the allotments have been replaced with a new set. They have also been moved further back on to the site to allow more space for cars when turning into the entrance, as there were traffic issues entering from the main road.

Upton Country Park (Phase 1) – A new long awaited trim trail has been installed near the Elgar Centre.

Hunsbury Country Park – The old slide has been removed and replaced with a new one. Also, the play safety matting has been replaced under a number of other pieces of play equipment at that site.

Grangewood Park – Bunding has been put in place at the entrance to the park from Clannell Road to prevent unauthorised vehicular access.

Alliston Gardens – A new fence has been installed across a gap to stop ASB issues in the Semilong area – Working in partnership with the Police.

Environmental Health

The technical work required to progress the declaration of the town centre air quality management area is still being progressed and we are hoping to be able to come back to Cabinet with a report on the precise details of the area in the coming months.

The work on the installation of the electric vehicle charging points is progressing with surveys being undertaken by the power providers and work is beginning to put the required Traffic Regulation Orders in place to restrict the use of the parking bays to electric vehicle charging.

The Climate Change Forum met on 12 November. Data from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy confirms that between 2005 and 2017 there has been a 45% decrease in per capita emissions of CO₂ in Northampton. This compares with an national average decrease of 40%.

During November the environmental enforcement officers started working closely with the neighbourhood wardens to take additional enforcement action in relation to fly tipping and accumulations of refuse bags in the Mounts. In the first month a total of 42 fixed penalty notices were issued. This trial is continuing and will be expanded to other parts of the town.

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