



Cabinet Member Report for Environment

Northampton Borough Council

9 July 2018

Environmental Services Re-Provision

Week four of the new contract and the contract continues to go well, all refuse and recycling is being collected and other services, such as street cleansing and grass cutting, are all scheduled, underway and starting to make an impact. Other services such as tree maintenance, cemeteries, allotments and public conveniences are also settling in well.

Green Flag Awards – May 2018

Abington Park – The Green Flag Judges visited the park in May and carried out a full inspection. The consensus from those that joined them on the park tour said that their comments were very positive.

Delapre Park – The Green Flag Judges carried out a “Mystery Shopper” visit to the park, date isn’t disclosed, to ensure that standards had not dropped since their full inspection in 2017.

The results for both parks will be published on 17th July 2018.

Neighbourhood Wardens – May 2018

May was a busy week for the Neighbourhood Wardens, as they supported and assisted residents that had suffered the loss of furniture and personal possessions in the flash floods.

They were also busy carrying out enforcement action against those that persist on committing environmental crimes. They issued 72 x Section 46 Notices to people that put their refuse out early – They issued 17 x Community Protection Warnings to those that failed to comply with the Section 46 Notices. They issued 49 x Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) for littering offences and 3 Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) for fly-tipping.

Environmental Health

The Environmental Enforcement team continue to issue significant numbers of fixed penalty notices with over 10,000 fixed penalty notices now being issued since the start of the contract.

Officers from the Food and Safety Team in Environmental Health worked to provide advice and support to businesses which had been affected by the recent flooding. Officers from the team have also dealt with a number of incidents including the aftermath of a fire in a food shop and a number of investigations of pest control issues.

Park Management Committees

Planning underway for Love Parks Week – 14 – 22 July, activity is being coordinated, to promote all the events and work that is happening in the parks during the week, including:

Saturday 14	Racecourse	10-12 Litter pick/tidy up PM – Teddy bear's picnic (prize for best dressed teddy)
Sunday 15	Becket's	Litter Pick and BOB's boulders
Wednesday 18	Eastfield	Kite flying on the park
Saturday 21	Bradlaugh Fields	10-12 Litter pick/tidy up PM – Teddy bear's picnic (prize for best dressed teddy)

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