



Cabinet Member Report for Environment

Northampton Borough Council

10 September 2018

Environmental Services

The new contract is continuing to progress well.

All relevant services are running 'business as usual' with emphasis on and increased monitoring around street cleansing & litter bin emptying with around 5400 fly tips having been cleared from the streets of Northampton and specialist transformation crews have removed approx. 40 tonnes of litter and detritus. A schedule of weed treatment has also recently been completed.

Work continues to implement the refuse & recycling service improvements, some 70,000 blue lidded wheeled bins and relevant leaflets are being delivered informing residents of any changes to the service and collection days. Residents are also receiving leaflets and complimentary caddy liners as part of a WRAP sponsored project to improve food recycling rates in the town.

The third highways verge cut should be complete by 7th September (weather dependant). The Premier Parks have received a number of additional cuts and we are already ahead of the planned schedule and have started the reduction and maintenance of the many overgrown shrubs across the borough.

We also have four teams working on our trees to remove epicormic growth and deadwood, these teams are also working on crown lifts and branch removal giving increased visibility on highways and improving pathway access.

We have also completed the out of season maintenance works on 98 sports pitches. This involves goal mouth and centre spot repairs, topdressing and reseeding, repairing and re-painting goal posts, as well as the initial pitch markings.

Environmental Services (Direct Services)

New play equipment has been installed in the play area at Rectory Farm open space

Environmental Health

Environmental Health – The enforcement team have now served a total of 5978 Fixed Penalty Notices between the start of the service in January and the beginning of September. The first batch of prosecutions for littering offences has now been completed with six people each being fined £220 with additional costs and victim surcharges.

The Air Quality Annual Status Report for 2017 has been submitted to DEFRA. A report is to be presented to Cabinet in September to progress changes to the current air quality management areas.

Park Management Committees

NBC coordinated the work carried out during Love Parks Week, amongst the PMCs, joint communications issued to promote the activities in all the parks, which included:

13 July	Abington Park	11am to 3pm	Story of the Park Children's trail
14 July	Racecourse	10am to 12pm	Litter pick
		12pm	Teddy bear's picnic
15 July	Becket's Park	All week	BOB's Bewildering Boulders
16 July	Ladybridge Park	10am to 3pm	Litter pick
17 July	Hunsbury Park	10am to 3pm	Litter pick
18 July	Eastfield Park	10am to 3pm	Litter pick
		3.30pm	Kite flying on the park
21 July	Bradlaugh Fields	10am to 12pm	Litter pick
		12pm	Teddy bear's picnic
21 July	West Hunsbury country park	11am to 4pm	Alfie Bear's picnic

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