

Cabinet Lead Report – Council 22 July 2014
By Cllr Briggs – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Lead for Environment and Neighbourhood Quality and Cabinet Advice

Garden Waste Collection

As of 03 July we have had 7,694 residents sign up for the collection service this year.

- 6,657 existing customers have renewed.
- 1,037 new customers.

Street Cleansing

In order to enhance the 3 main town centre areas of Waterlooville, Leigh Park & Havant, the pedestrian shopping areas within each of these 3 areas have been deep cleansed by a specialist jet washing team, including chewing gum removal as part of its Spring Clean programme.

Operational Services' team members are also visiting these areas earlier, from 6.30am and staying later until 6pm in order to ensure that these areas are cleaner for longer.

Highway Verge Cutting

The team completed the fourth cut of the season on Friday 10 July. Cut five started on Monday 13 July. We are on target to achieve the nine cuts but as always this will be dependant on weather and ground conditions.

Sports Clubs

We are working with members of the Emsworth Cricket Club to enable them to 'self manage' the cricket pitch and associated areas within Emsworth recreation ground.

Allotments

Officers are also supporting potential "self management" of some of our sites as well.

Beach Huts

A planning application has now been submitted for up-to 40 additional beach huts to located on a stretch of beach between Alexandra Avenue and Chichester Avenue.

Cemeteries

The team are preparing to undertake a thorough safety test of memorials within our cemeteries. Testing will start at Warblington Cemetery then Havant and then Waterlooville. Thereafter we will inspect those within our closed church yards.

Prior to commencing this work we will advise Councillors, issue a press release and place notices within each cemetery in advance to make people aware of this work.

Any memorial that is considered to be unsafe will be laid flat on the ground. If we have details of the grave owner we will write to notify them as to our actions and offer advice with regard to reinstalling the memorial.

Havant Cemetery

We have identified an area for new interments of ashes. This is an area surrounding the brick hut and will provide 24 plots. The area is currently being prepared and once available undertakers will be informed.

JVC – Joint Venture Company

Subject to Council approving plans to pursue a joint venture company, work will start this week to begin the Business Planning and Due Diligence process with Norse, as we are aiming to have this local partnership in place by February next year to develop significant new local opportunities and generating income and profit share to support the core services provided by Operational services.