

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 9th December 2015

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Waste & Recycling Strategy & Management

We commenced delivery of the Christmas collection calendars on Monday 30th November for a 2 week period, and these bin hangers will all be delivered by the end of this week. In addition to this, collection details for 2016 have already been included within the latest edition of 'Serving You' following public requests for this information to be published in the Council's magazine which details all next year's refuse and recycling collections.

The number of new build properties within the Borough are increasing and coming online for our collection crews. We are managing to absorb this additional work within the existing workforce using capacity available throughout the teams responsible for undertaking collections.

Proposed Joint Venture Company (JVC)

The project team are continuing to work on the Business Case. This will be reviewed by Scrutiny early in January 2016, prior to Cabinet and Council considering this important issue on 20th January 2016.

A presentation for Council Members and Officers was given by Norse just prior to this meeting where they outlined the 5-Year marketing strategy for the new Joint Venture Company, which more than doubles the turnover within the first 5 years.

The name for the new Joint Venture Company is to be Norse South East.

Vehicle Workshop and Fleet Management,

A review of the vehicle fleet has been carried in the last 6 weeks. Working with line managers this has resulted in identifying vehicles that are now surplus to requirement.

Surplus vehicles and equipment have been removed from the fleet and sent to auction, and this will have no impact on service delivery.

The workshop have commenced the winter maintenance and servicing of all open space and verge grass cutting equipment. This will be completed in good time ahead of 2016/17 season

Open Spaces (including Recreation and Cemeteries)

Due to an extended period of warm weather we have continued to undertake grass cutting at strategic locations within the Borough i.e. busy thoroughfares, Roundabouts and the Petersfield Road central reservations etc.

The testing of memorials within the council cemeteries is an ongoing process, however it had been identified that some of the very old memorials were loose and as such the team have been focussing their attention on the older memorials. If deemed necessary follow action is taken to secure or make safe the memorial.

Street Care and Beachlands.

We have had another successful season undertaking leaf clearance, utilising our resources to attend to the hot spots identified within the Borough. By adopting the strategy of using front line personnel in conjunction with our large and small mechanical sweepers, we have within a very short period of time dealt with the challenge.

Work is underway to improve the way that services are delivered on the beach by incorporating the teams based at Beachlands with those at the depot, still maintaining an on-site service. This work includes litter picking, litter bin emptying, beach hut maintenance and public toilet cleaning. There will be a continued team presence of these services at Beachlands seven days per week.