

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 20 September 2017

Councillor Michael Wilson: Acting Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Lead for Environment and Neighbourhood

Environmental Health (Including food safety) and Environmental Protection

HBC has submitted the Annual Status Report for Air quality, once approved by central government this will be published on our website.

Licensing, Pest Control and Animal Welfare

Havant Borough Council has achieved a Gold Stray Dog Footprint, awarded by the RSPCA. This is the first year the council has awarded Gold, this builds on our achievements in previous years where we have been awarded the silver. The RSPCA's Community Animal Welfare footprints are the only award scheme recognising good practice from Local Authorities in relation to animal welfare. It awards that HBC has exceeded basic and statutory service requirements.

Parking Strategy/Management & Traffic Management, shared parking review

Parking will be provided free of charge in our car parks on Remembrance Sunday 12th November. Also, to support Small Business Saturday 3 hours free parking in our car parks will be available on Saturday 2nd December.

All Public Realm Enforcement (Rangers) including dog fouling and litter dropping,

The enforcement of litter contract is being undertaken by EH Commercial Services who commenced work in May 2017. To date EHCS have issued over 800 fixed penalty notices for littering. Enforcement is popular amongst the majority of residents and feedback shows that residents feel that the environment is cleaner and neater as a result of this work. I would hope that the presence of enforcement officers will ultimately lead to changes in behaviour amongst a minority of residents who choose to drop litter.

Travellers

There have been no reported incursions over the past month.

Open Spaces (including Recreation and Cemeteries)

Officers are currently meeting with NORSE and co-developing a management plan, utilising section 106 contributions, for Redlands Grange. I have met with the Emsworth Tree Wardens who are keen to coordinate the additional work of the volunteers with the maintenance provided by HBC through NORSE.

Beachlands.

The parameters of the Blue Flag Area at Beachlands has recently proved a topical issue in the media. I have asked for work to be undertaken by officers to ensure that the current Hayling, Blue Flag restrictions and the recently introduced Public Space Protection Order in relation to the control of dogs are properly sign posted and fit for purpose.

Officers are also currently working on a review of the overnight parking arrangements for camper vans in the West Beach Car Park area.