

Cabinet Lead Reports – Full Council 25 September 2019

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Environmental Services delivered by Norse SE.

The mobilisation works to prepare for the delivery of environmental service by Norse SE to EHDC on 30 September remains on track. HBC submitted a 'Voluntary Ex-Ante Transparency' (VEAT) notice on 12th Aug, announcing to the industry the intention of entering into a contract with EHDC. The notice mitigates the risk of a legal challenge to the procurement. There were no challenges.

NSE continues to gain new commercial business in Trade Waste Collections, Cleansing, Grounds Maintenance, Vehicle Services and Engineering Works.

The new Commercial Director did not take up the post on 12 August as previously advised. The recruitment process for this post continues.

Vehicle workshop and fleet management

Paul Stanley – Fleet Transport Manager has left NSE to pursue a career in the private sector. Paul had worked for Havant Borough Council/NSE for 26 years. A new Fleet Transport Manager has been recruited and will join NSE mid-October. NSE have a very experienced Vehicle Workshop Manager in post who, in the interim, will be supported by the Norse Commercial Services Fleet/Transport manager.

Open Spaces

Highway verge cutting - the team have completed five full cuts to date.

Highway weed spraying continues with the second full treatment nearing completion.

Street Cleansing

The team have responded at very short notice to several requests to provide a clean-up service following the departure of unauthorised encampments that were set up on Council owned land at various locations throughout the Borough.

Beachlands

Following a 'snap' inspection, the Keep Britain Tidy Group identified a small number of non-compliance issues and asked that the 'Blue Flag', taken down.

We were allowed seven days to resolve the identified issues. Work commenced on Saturday 31 August with all work being completed by Friday 6 September and the 'Blue Flag' status was reinstated and re-hoisted.

The report on the ecological survey of Hayling Beach is expected at the end of September. One of the deliverables will be the viability of 64 sites identified as potential locations for the 40 beach huts that were moved from A-site.

Waste and Recycling

There are new textile recycling banks on Council owned sites, these are now provided and serviced by the Salvation Army. The Council will continue to receive income generated from the sale of the textiles.

All services were delivered as normal during the Bank Holiday weekend, with no disruption to our customers.

As of end of end of August there are 11,611 garden waste customers (of which 1,577 are new customers) compared to 10,423 in total last year.

County Council Issues

The 'Hampshire 2050' commission is due to report on 23 September. The aim of the Commission is to establish a vision that will guide and contribute to the continuing prosperity of Hampshire, while protecting and enhancing the unique quality of place for generations to come.