

## **Cabinet Lead Report – Council 17 July 2014**

### **By Cllr Briggs – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Lead for Environment and Neighbourhood Quality and Cabinet Advice**

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#### **Garden Waste Collection**

As of 09 July we have had an increase of 892 customers signing up to our Garden Waste collection service compared to the same period last year, an increase of 1.9%.

#### **Street Cleansing**

The 'gumwand' machines have been a positive addition to the front line services, They are currently being used in Leigh Park precinct and have been active on single day's through the week and week ends. This service is carried out by frontline team members and the work is programmed on a weekly basis. Although we have had teething problems at the beginning we only have a small area left to cleanse in Leigh Park and will then move onto Waterlooville precinct.

The street cleansing teams have made a good start to the year, all scheduled work has been completed. Cleanliness, at weekends, within the 3 town centres has been greatly improved since the introduction of '5 over 7' working.

The small mechanical sweepers have currently been withdrawn from use within the pedestrian precincts and on pavements. This may have a short term detrimental effect i.e. build up of detritus, but we are implementing alternative working methods in an effort to deal with this.

#### **Highway Verge Cutting**

Whilst the target was to deliver 9 cuts this will not be achieved because of the delays experienced so far. It is more likely that the team will achieve 8 cuts, although this cannot be guaranteed. This service is dependant upon being able to recruit and retain sufficient seasonal Staff, Temporary Agency Workers (TAW) and them attending work, appropriate Machinery being available and the Weather. The team had experienced challenges with each of these.

The 4th cut of the season commenced on Saturday 5th July. The team aim to complete cut 4 by 01 August and will continue to work on Saturdays in an effort to avoid getting any further behind.

In order to improve the standards the team have increased the level of supervision and are using the small mechanical sweepers, working them alongside the grass cutting teams.

#### **Engineering Works Team**

The team have now finished outstanding jobs from flooding earlier in the year on Hayling Island which included moving on beach huts, hard landscaping and protection works along sea front and car parks.

### **Vehicle Maintenance Workshop**

Fleet procurement - a replacement Large Grass Roller and a Cut and Collect grass cutting machine for Parks and Open Spaces. A new Fork lift will also be purchased for day to day depot operations and emergency works thorough out the borough.

Paul Stanley is currently investigating the use of electric bins lifts on Refuse Collection Vehicles with a demonstration machine coming in August or September.

**Training** - by September this year all of our Large Goods Vehicle drivers must have obtained a "Certificate of Professional Competence" (CPC). 50 of our staff will have completed the necessary training which has been provided during the last 5 years, this covers the latest rules and guidance of Professional driving. Without a valid 'CPC' drivers will be unable to drive any vehicle which is over 3.5 tonnes.

### **Transport & Implementation**

An update on current schemes is as follows: Park Road North and South projects are now complete. A further phase to complete the missing cycle link along Park Road North between Park Lane and the railway bridge is being worked on. Works are likely to start February 2015 following consultation with stakeholders .

The Hayling Billy Trail project has been extended as extra funding has been acquired through Veolia Environmental Trust and Lottery Fund. A road link from Stoke Village via Northney to Landstone Bridge will be completed as part of these works. The A259 cycle lane Emsworth resurfacing works will be completed by April 2015.

Dunsbury Way Bus Interchange and Environmental Improvements will be completed before Christmas. The Hambledon Parade Environmental Enhancement project will be completed by September 2014 with tree and shrub planting programmed for October 2014.

### **Parking & Traffic Management**

An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order went live in July in Langstone. The aim of this is to address parking issues in the area and assess the impact the restrictions may have over a period of up to 18 months. New restrictions include Woodbury Ave, Southbrook Close, Langstone Avenue / Road, Langbrook Road, Brookmead Way. Consultation with stakeholders will continue throughout the process including workshops to be held in October for interested parties.

### **Community Safety**

Supporting Troubled Families - Over 130 Havant families have now received support from the scheme. There have been some notable successes in improving the lives of these families and this in turn has resulted in real reductions in demand on services and a reduction in cost to the public purse. We are currently seeking a further 30 families to support by the end of September 2014. The Government has undertaken to extend the programme for a further period and works currently being undertaken to look at the future criteria and number of families to be funded.

Litter enforcement - The litter enforcement campaign which was launched on the 1st May has now seen in excess of 970 Fixed Penalty Notices issued by "Kingdom" on behalf of HBC. The Environmental Rangers are to be the subject of a BBC programme in September which is focused on the "paint poo pink" campaign. The team were filmed at work on Friday 11th July in Emsworth during which time a FPN was issued to a resident for failing to clear up after his dog!

Public Space CCTV - The team at the CCTV control room have had a productive six months in supporting the Police in making some 50 arrests for a range of offences including serious assaults, shoplifting and anti-social behaviour. The team has also provided a co-ordinating role for the four town centre stopwatch schemes in the town centres. Looking ahead Cllr Michael Cheshire has recently written to Simon Hayes the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner to bring to his attention the cost locally of providing this service and seeking his views on the future funding arrangements.

Hayling Community Alcohol Project (CAP) - On the 9th July the second stage of the successful Hayling Island CAP was launched at Hayling College - the event co-ordinated by Susan Dabbs of the Community Safety Team featured a range of statutory and non statutory partners as well as representatives from Tesco's, Sainsbury and Southern Co-op. The focus of this project involves a community panel including young people from the school working together to reduce the negative impact of alcohol on young people and the community as a whole. The Hayling CAP is the only one of its kind in Hampshire and is recognised as best practice in the field.