

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**North East Area Council Meeting:**

**9<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

**Agenda Item: 6**

**Report of North East Area  
Council Manager**

**North East Area Council – update on the delivery of commissioned projects**

**1. Environmental Enforcement**

- 1.1 During the months of February, March and April 189 Fixed Penalty Notices were issued, 38 for littering, 116 for dog fouling and 35 for illegal parking. The Enforcement Wardens have completed 825 hours patrolling across the North East Area Council.
- 1.2 Dog Fouling Operations have taken place at John Street and Cross Street, Great Houghton, West End Avenue, Royston, Carlton Cemetery, Wilson Grove in Lundwood, The Green in Royston, and Newtown Avenue in Cudworth.
- 1.3 Research on CIVICA, although not 100% accurate, shows that to date 72 % of the revenue has been raised from the notices in the North East area. After a good start in the area in the first and second quarter, the Fixed Penalty Notice numbers have increased over the last few months. Officers concentrate their patrols around intelligence led information from the tasking process and also from complaints on the street, from the community at large. There has been a clear month by month increase as we progressed through the Third quarter, this is due to a more efficient and developed reporting and recording system. This also gives the complainant or informant a quick response to what has been reported. Officers concentrate their patrols and operations around these areas although Kingdom can cope with more complaints / issues than that so far have been reported.
- 1.4 A number of prosecutions files have been submitted for Littering and Dog Fouling. These are the first since the commencement of the contract. To date offenders have paid prior to attending Court, and the next batch for Court appearance is 29th May 2015.

1.5 The Revenue raised from Fixed Penalty Notices for Fouling and Littering, from commencement of the contract until end of March is £8,965.00.

## **2. North East Environment Team**

- **North East Environment Team – Cudworth and North East**
- **North East Environment Team – Monk Bretton and Royston**

2.1 In April, the North East Environment Team in Cudworth and North East monitoring information is as follows:

- 265 bags of litter were collected
- 8 Hot Spot areas
- 29 compliments were received
- 33 tonnes of Green Litter were removed
- The Team helped to facilitate the West Haigh Wood Clean-up Day, and have also helped Volunteers in regular clean ups in Cudworth Park.

2.2 In April, the North East Environment Team in Royston and Monk Bretton monitoring information is as follows:

- 471 bags of litter were collected
- 3 Hot spot areas were cleared
- 6 compliments were received
- 25 tonnes of Green Litter were removed
- The Team helped Volunteers install the new picnic benches in Carlton Park and helped to facilitate the very successful National Clean-up Day in Monk Bretton Park, where over 65 residents volunteered to clean up their local Park.

2.3 A significant amount of positive feedback has been received with regard to the improvements to the cleanliness of the High Street areas. It can also be noted that there has been a quick response to clearing any hot spot areas that are identified. The Teams are building up a good relationship with local residents and that the local businesses on the High Street had informed the Councillors that they were delighted with the improvements being made. The Teams had built up a sense of pride in keeping their areas clean and tidy, and helping the community to Love Where They Live.

2.4 A good working relationship that has been encouraged with Neighbourhood Services, and that opportunities for partnership working had gone very well.

## **3. Employability for Under 16's**

3.1 The North and North East Area Councils have joined forces to deliver 120 placements to young people attending School in the North and North East area. The young people who complete the summer internship will attend a week of workshops and a week at an employment placement.

- 3.2 The initiative was progressing well, and C and K Careers who had won the tender, had made contact with the local Schools. It was noted that the initiative is on the front page of Shafton ALC's Web Site. Similarly Carlton Community College was very keen to be involved so it was not anticipated there would be any problem in filling the 60 places available.
- 3.3 The Core had been booked for the Workshop sessions. Two Student Ambassadors from Huddersfield University had been engaged, and two students from last year's course had agreed to attend the workshop sessions and feedback their experiences.
- 3.4 So far C&K have delivered a presentation in Assembly at both Darton College and Carlton Community College. It looks as if the majority share of the students will be from Darton College and Shafton ALC, although expressions of interest have also been received from students at both Holy Trinity and Carlton Community College. C&K have received 94 expressions of interest for the 120 places available. 69 completed applications from students have been submitted. C&K have been able to interview 24 of those students so far and are busy in schools completing more this week. The interview process is essential to gauge the student's level of commitment, identify their career aspirations and find a placement that is tailored to their needs.
- 3.5 With regard to engaging Placement Providers it should be noted that several Providers would be required and the Councillors are asked to try and help support the identification of possible Employers in the local area who may be willing to assist. They are getting some excellent responses from some of local employers this year. NPS for example have offered to provide 12 placement opportunities, and Priory Campus 15 placements. Barnsley Football Club is on board, as are Morrison's and a couple of small independent businesses. Cannon Hall is delighted that C&K Careers remembered them and have been back in touch for placements this year. BMBC will also be offering placements, including Libraries and one student has requested a week with in the Waste Management Department.

**3.6 Celebration Event**

Provisionally the date for the Celebration Event will to be the evening of Tuesday 15th September, and Members are asked to note this in their diaries.

**4.0 The North East Area Council is requested to note the content of this Report.**

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