

East Herts Council Report

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 16 June 2020

Report by: Head of Operations

Report title: Street Cleansing and Verge Maintenance Update

Ward(s) affected: ALL

Summary

At the request of the chairman of the overview and scrutiny committee this report provides an overview of the street cleansing service and verge maintenance service delivered by East Herts District Council

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY:

(a) To receive and note the update report.

1.0 Proposal(s)

1.1 Not applicable.

2.0 Background

2.1 At the request of the Overview and Scrutiny committee the following matters were requested to be reported on for review by the Committee:

- a) Road cleaning (sweeping) grass verges and weeds. How are we doing, what are the issues, who is responsible for what, verge maintenance?

This was further expanded to:

- b) Litter picking on the highway.
- c) Road cleaning and sweeping on roads and pavements.
- d) What is EHC responsibility for cutting of grass verges.
- e) Weed spraying/ clearing on kerb edges and pavements
- f) What is the reporting structure and who are the contacts at EHC
- g) Is it adequately resourced and what is the staff structure.

2.2 In the absence of a formal detailed brief and in order to add structure to the report it has been interpreted that the following approach will be taken to report on these items.

- 1) Brief description of service function
- 2) Overview of performance
- 3) Key challenges and areas for improvement
- 4) Resourcing levels and key contacts

2.3 A full report can be found in Appendix A

3.0 Reason(s)

3.1 To provide an overview of performance for services highlighted in 2.1

4.0 Options

4.1 Not applicable

5.0 Risks

5.1 Insufficient resources could have an impact on performance levels, complaints and financial implications.

6.0 Implications/Consultations

6.1 Report developed by service managers within the Waste Shared Service and Leisure and Parks team.

Community Safety

No

Data Protection

No

Equalities

No

Environmental Sustainability

No

Financial

No

Health and Safety

No

Human Resources

No

Human Rights

No

Legal

No

Specific Wards

No

7.0 Background papers, appendices and other relevant material

7.1 Appendix A – Street Cleansing and Verge Maintenance Update Report

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