

Environmental Services Contract

All services are running normally, refuse and recycling are being collected, streets cleansed and grounds maintenance teams are still active. Whilst there is still a slight reduction in workforce due to shielding and isolation as a result of Covid19 Veolia and idverde have managed consistently well. The Partnership Unit and Veolia continue to look at areas for improvement and have recently increased bulky waste slots in line with demand.

The Contracts Manager continues to monitor the services provided and is now able to resume work on long standing projects such as improvements at Westbridge Depot, the refurbishment of the Racecourse basketball courts, upgrading the Towcester Road Cemetery chapel and working with community groups on environmental projects such as replacing street trees.

The teams have also started to prepare for the forthcoming football season, replacing goal posts and starting to mark out pitches. The wardens and rangers continue to monitor compliance with regard to the Covid19 guidelines and advice from Sport England and the Football Association.

The high volume of people using the parks continues to present a number of challenges regarding inappropriate use of facilities including swimming in Delapre lake, illegal encampments, lack of social distancing and a high amount of litter but the council and Veolia have worked together to try and improve the situation by installing additional bin capacity and working with the park rangers to help educate users. To supplement this, a project is in place to install additional signage around play areas and tie in with local media to try and prevent any further misuse of the facilities.

July also saw the launch the annual Envirogrant Scheme which will allow community groups to apply for funding up to a maximum of £1000 each to support their efforts in improving or protecting their local environment.

Environmental Services (Direct Services)

Wardens and Park Rangers working hard to support the response to the Covid 19 situation in Northampton carrying out patrols, public engagement and business interactions. They have been very actively involved in the recent local outbreak, delivering leaflets, answering questions and reassuring members of the public.

Environmental Health

The Food and safety team are heavily involved in the response to the covid 19 situation in Northampton and the Outbreak at Greencore. They also continue to monitor the business premises and their adherence to guidelines and also the night time economy.

The latest Air quality data has been uploaded to the Council's website.

The installation of the electric vehicle charging points is now progressing following a delay due to Covid19.

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