



Cabinet Member Report for the Environment

Northampton Borough Council

27th October 2014

Environmental Health

The New Neighbourhood Warden and full time Park Ranger began work at the end of August. They are now completing a period of on the job training and have begun working within their designated areas.

The results of the dog fouling campaign which took place from July to September resulted in seven Fixed Penalty Notices being served and 32 dog fouling letters being sent. Nine enforcement sessions of two hours each have been carried out over nineteen different hot spot locations.

On 8th October, Cabinet extended the Borough Council's fly tipping policy to include rubbish dumped on privately owned land such as shared alleys. Between February and August 2014, the council received 4,074 reports of fly tipping. Of these 234 were confirmed to relate to fly tipping in private alleyways or similar areas that the council is not responsible for clearing. The Cabinet decision means that the Council is now obliged to include the removal, where permissible and appropriate, of fly tipping on shared owned alleys, entrances and courts and to try and recover the costs from the fly tippers or land owners.

Park Management

The development of Park Management Committees continues. Groups are meeting regularly for Abington, Delapre, The Racecourse, and Eastfield parks. A new group recently met covering Swanhaven Park. We are also working together with the Friends of Bradlaugh Fields and Friends of Victoria Park to help develop Park Management Committees for these parks.

825th Anniversary of the Northampton Charter

The Borough Council, in partnership with the Friends of Bradlaugh Fields and local primary schools, have planted 25 Oak Trees (creating an avenue) to mark the 825th anniversary of the Northampton Charter.

Licensing

During September two multi-agency checks were undertaken on Private Hire and Hackney Carriages. Of the 37 vehicles checked nine were found to be non-compliant. Two were taken off the road and another two received a delayed prohibition notice.

The Licensing Committee decided to adopt three night time Hackney ranks at the top of Bridge St, George's Row and Lady's Lane (Roadmender) which will operate between 2300 and 0500 daily.

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