



Cabinet Member Report for Environment

Northampton Borough Council

Monday 18 July 2016

Environmental Health

The Food Safety Team in Environmental Health supported Food Safety Week from 4th – 10th July. This year's theme was Eat It Cook it Freeze It. Information on our website and social media posts encouraged residents to reduce food waste by eating, cooking and freezing food within the use by date.

The 3GS enforcement officers continue to have a high profile around the town. They supported the launch of the St James Litter Free Zone and up to 1 July 2016 they have served a total of 669 Fixed Penalty Notices.

The Council has entered into two Primary Authority Partnerships with Travis Perkins plc and Poundland. Staff within Environmental Health will be providing consistent, tailored and assured advice to these companies on Health and Safety and Food Hygiene.

Environmental Services

The combination of rain and high temperatures has caused the grass to grow at a faster pace than usual for this time of year and has caused problems for the EMS grass cutting service. I have done my best to get the service back on track but it has been a major challenge for me that I continue to grapple with.

Work is progressing well on the re-provision of environmental services after our current contract with Enterprise/Amey comes to an end in June 2018. A key part of the process is understanding the views of the community and lots of activity is currently underway to engage them in the design and development of the new service.

Environmental Services (Direct Services)

The Tango Machine (Applied Sweeper) was delivered and was operational from Monday 27th June 2016, after the operative training was carried out. The machine will be concentrating in the core town centre streets to help eliminate the cigarette butt issues.

The East Midlands in Bloom Judging took place on the 5th July 2016. The judging route this year is in the South West and Central areas of the town.

The Green Flag Judges have been to inspect and judge Abington Park and Bradlaugh Fields. The results should be available from mid-July.

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Cabinet Member for Environment