

Meeting	Hendon Area Environment Sub-committee
Date	16 October 2012
Subject	Street Cleansing
Report of	Interim Director of Environment, Planning and Regeneration
Summary	This report provides advice to members on the current Cleansing cycle and regime with regards to the Hendon Area. It also comments on issues related to selected hot spot areas.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	All within the Hendon Constituency
Key Decision	No
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	Not Applicable
Function of	Executive
Enclosures	Appendix A – Street cleansing operations Hendon Area Appendix B – Hot spots locations and comments
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the sub-committee note the contents of the report

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee 26th June 2012, (Decision Item 5). The Sub-Committee resolved that the Sub-Committee formally instruct the appropriate officer(s):
 - 2.1.1 To Conduct a review of the Street Cleaning Policy
 - 2.1.2 To present a report of the Street Cleaning Policy to a future meeting of the Hendon Area Environment Sub-Committee and for it to include:
 - protocol of the method of how parks are cleaned and maintained before, during and following an event.
- 2.2 Following the determination of this item, Members of the Sub-Committee were requested to provide officers with what they considered 'hot spots' within their wards.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Corporate Plan 2012-13 priority "A Successful London Suburb" is to ensure that the borough is clean and safe, preserve green spaces, and includes the strategic objective of "maintaining clean streets, and keeping Barnet moving through efficient management of the roads and pavements network"

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 No risk management issues arise directly out of this report.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 The cleansing regime and current programmes deliver cleansing services equally throughout the Borough. The responsive mechanisms in place ensure that all residents of Barnet can expect any issues to be dealt appropriately and within an effective timescale.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 6.1 The current level of Environmental cleansing services are delivered within the context of £54m of reduced funding to the overall Council's services over the three years starting last financial year.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

- 7.1 None in the context of this report

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)

- 8.1 Constitution Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions – Area Environment Sub-Committees perform functions that are the responsibility of the Executive including :-
- 8.1.1 refuse collection, cleansing, litter, waste and recycling.
- 8.1.2 day-to-day promotion, management and development of parks, open spaces, allotments, recreation and leisure facilities

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 Hendon Area is provided with different levels of cleansing as detailed in Appendix 1. This can be summarised as cleansing activity under the following headings :-
- Cyclical scheduled sweeping
 - Responsive Cleaning
 - Town Centre Cleaning
 - Secondary Shopping Areas
 - Graffiti Removal
 - Working with Schools
 - Encouraging resident participation and assistance
 - Clearance of fly-tips
 - Clearance of fallen leaves
- 9.2 The Council has been developing different programmes and discussions with residents to further their own involvement in and assistance with cleansing. This has been developed under the 'adopt-a-street' scheme and currently has three successful schemes at Ravensdale Avenue N12, Martins School N2 and Garden City in Edgware HA8.
- 9.3 To enhance residents local environment the scheme provides training, tools and equipment for groups to carry out basic operations such as litter picking and clearing fallen leaves. Where appropriate the scheme has also supplied spring flowering bulbs which residents planted in verges, road salt / grit for winter gritting and pruning shears so that tree basal growth can be cut back. Normal cleansing services continue to be provided in these roads but the work residents do certainly enhances their roads. Interested residents can participate by contacting 'pledgebank' on the Council's website.
- 9.4 There is a particularly active resident in West Hendon area, who is passionate about environmental issues, she is trying to get other residents involved and it would be beneficial if we could introduce this initiative to some of the roads in West Hendon.
- 9.5 West Hendon suffers from fly tipping more than other areas in the borough. Many irresponsible residents dump bulky waste items regularly onto the footpath and expect it to be removed by the council, which necessitates additional cost not only for collection but also for disposal. These are clearly the actions of a few which means that other residents have to suffer this blight and nuisance in their neighbourhoods.

- 9.6 The Cleansing team would welcome Councillors suggestions and comments on how this anti-social behaviour could be tackled or even reduced. Any improvement in this activity would be welcomed alongside consideration of the enforcement activity mentioned above. Together this will enable action to be taken effectively against those irresponsible residents causing the problem.
- 9.7 Details Hotspots provided by members of the committee either at the previous meeting or separately have been included and notated in Appendix 2. We regularly review all hotspot areas and re-schedule and move resources to deliver an effective cleansing service.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None

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