

EAST AREA COMMITTEE UPDATE

At the last meeting of this Committee, a number of issues were raised that required further investigation.

Ref No.	Issue	Progress	Officer details
01/07 (Minute no 267)	<p>Green Waste Collection, Canewdon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was felt that the Council should not pay for the service on 21 July as the company had failed to arrive. - Some of the signage relating to both location and timing at the collection points could be improved and made more visible. 	<p>Officers checked with the Contractor and this problem is not a regular occurrence and on the occasion when they did run late (21 July) they made up the time. It has been confirmed that the contractor has now set up a contingency plan for any future problems that could delay the service. For these reasons it is inappropriate to withhold payment.</p> <p>An officer did some spot checks on a Saturday (28 July 07) collection and the collection ran exactly on schedule and at the correct locations without fail.</p> <p>The locations are publicised locally to those areas and on the Council's web site - with all locations, dates and times listed. The problem with having any additional permanent/static signage at these sites is that as the collection only runs from March to</p>	D Byrne, Waste Management Officer 01702 318111

		<p>October each year it would not be cost effective.</p> <p>It has been raised with the contractor that the vehicle they were using was not adequately identifiable and the contractor has confirmed that this was temporary and they will be using a full branded vehicle from now on. This will in turn help to promote the scheme.</p>	
02/07 (Minute no 267)	Siting of the bus stop in North Street, Rochford – whether the design can be altered in any way that would alleviate the obstruction it causes.	<p>This is the best place to site the stop to assist pedestrian accessibility. Previously, parked cars prevented the bus from pulling up at the stop which resulted in the bus still having to stop in the carriageway. The buses are infrequent at this stop.</p>	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
03/07 (Minute no 267)	An incident of vegetation spraying in high wind at Bradley Way near Rochford railway station should be looked into	<p>Spraying weed killer in Rochford is the responsibility of Essex County Council when it is on a highway.</p> <p>Veolia staff, who are contracted to Rochford District Council, did spray the car park area of the Freight House in July. They recorded on their report sheet that the wind strength was within the recommended permitted</p>	A Lovett Environmental Street Scene Manager 01702 318111

		levels for the type of spray equipment used.	
04/07 (Minute no 268)	Crime figures for Hawkwell North and Hawkwell South be removed from the East Area Committee's figures.	Figures will be amended accordingly.	Insp. A Parkman Essex Police 01268 775533
05/07 (Minute no 268)	The Police would look into a specific instance of alleged drug dealing outside Mason's Bar, Rochford	Intelligence has been received.	Insp. A Parkman Essex Police 01268 775533
06/07 (Minute no 268)	The possibility of inclusion of drugs-related crimes in the figures for future meetings	This data will be included with future figures.	Insp. A Parkman Essex Police 01268 775533
07/07 (Minute no 268)	Poynters Lane, Great Wakering – the possibility of hard-standing at the bus stop and refuge points along the road to assist pedestrians.	Suitable locations are being looked at.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540

08/07 (Minute no 268)	Report regarding complaints about the speed of traffic down West Street and South Street, Rochford.	Speed checks have been requested - results not available as yet.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
09/07 (Minute no 268)	A cable lying visible in the ditch next to the footway to the village hall in Canewdon was considered dangerous.	Cable has been suitably buried.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
10/07 (Minute no 268)	Overhanging tree on Stambridge Road, Canewdon to be inspected	Inspection requested.	L Harvey Essex County Council 01268 297540
11/07 (Minute no 268)	Obstruction of the public footpath through the boat yard, Paglesham East End	The issues at Paglesham Boatyard have been ongoing for many years as boats get moved around the yard. The current situation is being looked into.	C Allman Public Rights of Way Officer Engineer County Highways & Transportation South Area Office 01268 297545
12/07 (Minute no 268)	Policy on business waste at civic amenity sites	This is being dealt with as a spotlight issue.	
13/07 (Minute no 268)	Possibility of dog bins being provided by parishes but emptied by the District Council.	If Parishes want to purchase the dog bins, the District Council will empty them. Please, contact Debora Byrne for the standard needed before the	D Byrne, Waste Management Officer 01702 318111

		purchase of the dog bins.	
14/07 (Minute no 268)	Possible inaccuracies in the Canewdon Conservation Areas – Consultation Drafts	The representation has been lodged in our system. A response has been sent to the questioner to confirm that the comments will be taken into account.	S Scrutton Head of Planning & Transportation 01702 318100