

Statement by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Environmental Health, Waste and Recycling

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Waste and Street Scene

Green waste income is £780,710 (102% of last year's total and set to achieve the target).

Fly tipping and littering continue to cause nuisance across the country and the Waste and Street Scene team have made progress with plans to tackle this anti-social behaviour:

- Increased publicity for fly tipping, including vehicle banners
- Developing shared fly tipping campaign with the York and North Yorkshire Waste Partnership
- Implementing an electronic fly tipping reporting system- which is presently being tested
- CCTV cameras have been purchased and are being deployed across the district
- Vehicle and body cameras have been purchased and deployed, to capture evidence on the move.
- Report the number of fly tipping investigations
- Measuring actions against reported fly tips
- Target householders/waste producers using new legislation
- Produce an enforcement pack for officers
- Further developing community links for litter picks

The recycling contract continues to perform with income up and contamination down. A campaign is being started to encourage residents to recycle more and help people understand what can and can't be recycled.

Carbon Reduction

The Waste and Street Scene service is to have two electric vehicles and two charging points at the depot, these will be small vans and will officers understand the benefits and any potential pitfalls of using electric vehicles in the future.

The Director of Environment is undertaking an exercise to gather details of all carbon reduction schemes and plans that are being carried out across the Council. This schedule will then be used to assess present measures and any areas that may require further action.

Environmental Health

Work continues to procure a new management information system which will greatly improve the efficiency of the team and their ability to report and retrieve information for casework.

There has been an increase in noise complaints across the district and Officers are working with residents, licensing, planning and other bodies to try to resolve these.

EU Exit

The Director of Environment has been appointed as Hambleton's lead Officer for EU exit and is working closely with the Local Resilience Forum (Emergency Planning) to understand and mitigate against any potential risks.

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