

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

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### **Green Waste Update**

New subscriptions opened on 4 December. Residents will be emailed or written to to advise them about renewal methods. I am pleased to say no increase of charges is planned for the near future and revenue has continued to flow in even up to the current time. The last garden waste collection took place week commencing 27 November and will restart week commencing 5 February 2018.

### **Fly Tipping**

The policy is currently being reviewed by the Scrutiny Committee and updated policies will be brought forward shortly. They are currently with Legal and Enforcement to review and approve the most recent process and policy. Delegated authority is also under review to ensure we implement policy in a robust but fair manner.

### **New Vehicles**

Four new vehicles are now on the road. These are replacements for end of lease vehicles and will see improvements in operational techniques and drive greater efficiency.

### **Environmental Health**

Enforcement action took place in November against a fast food premises in Stokesley. The rat infestation has now been addressed and the premises allowed to reopen. Hambleton District Council costs were recovered via the courts.

Rat sighting reports across Hambleton have increased slightly in line with previous seasonal changes and we continue to respond to these with some focussed pre-emptive work in key areas.

We are experiencing a few staffing issues due to sickness and maternity absences however a solution is in hand.

### **Bedale Air Quality Management**

We continue to work with North Yorkshire County Council but results to date indicate that improvements to air quality have already taken place. We will continue to meet our statutory commitments and work in partnership to deliver any further improvements required.

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