Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee



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Delivering a cleaner, more attractive, sustainable environment: the work of our Clean and Green Teams

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Purpose of the Report

To provide Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the work of the Clean and Green Teams within Neighbourhood Services.

Background

- In a previous meeting of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, following an update on performance in relation to the Performance Indicators which measure levels of litter and detritus across the County, a question was raised in relation to the impact of the MTFP savings and the work programme of the teams involved in street cleaning and litter picking.
- In response to that enquiry, a presentation has been prepared by the Head of Direct Services and the Clean and Green Manager to provide an update on:
 - the current ways in which levels of street and environmental cleanliness are measured and the monitoring arrangements in place to address issues and challenges in terms of poor performance.
 - the changes in working practices of the Clean and Green Teams since service restructure, resulting in the change from a 3 area to a county wide approach to service provision.
 - the work being undertaken by the service to raise awareness of issues in relation to litter and the approach around education and enforcement activities.
- The presentation will also provide an update on the work of the Environment Partnership to provide a multi agency approach to tackling issues in relation to environmental cleanliness.

Recommendations

The Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment upon the information provided in the presentation.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - NA

Staffing - NA

Risk - NA

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – NA

Accommodation - NA

Crime and Disorder - NA

Human Rights - NA

Consultation - NA

Procurement - NA

Disability Issues - NA

Legal Implications – NA