



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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CABINET MEMBER REPORT TO FULL COUNCIL

Written report by Cllr Peter Stevens, Environment & Street Scene Portfolio

Portfolio includes:

- Maintenance of the urban realm;
- Street naming and numbering;
- Grounds maintenance;
- Waste management and recycling;
- Abandoned vehicles;
- Cleansing;
- Environmental sustainability;
- Environmental management systems;
- Nature conservation;
- Climate change and energy action plan; and
- Public Toilets.

1. Waste and Street Scene Services

1.1 Cleansing Review

- (a) The Cleaning Review in partnership with Forest Heath District Council (FHDC) is progressing well. As part of the programme of work, sweeping and cleansing routes are being re-modelled using the software package that was purchased in 2010 to reorganise domestic waste collections. Significantly, this remodelling has revealed that it is possible to deliver the rural channel sweeping service utilising one vehicle shared between FHDC and the Borough Council instead of two.
- (b) A Parish and Town Council consultation has been carried out, the results of which will help inform this process of redesigning our cleansing rotas, assessing the distribution and supply of dog and litter bins and addressing our strategy and cleansing policies.

1.2 'Suffolk Spring Clean'

- (a) For two weeks from the 28 March 2011, we will be supporting Suffolk's Creating the Greenest County's annual community litter picking campaign. Although we support these events throughout the year, many communities do plan their litter picking events around this time.

- (b) Officers have already booked eleven events over this period, for which we will provide a sufficient supply of sacks, picks, gloves and vests for each event. We also arrange for the bagged litter to be collected.
- (c) We will be advertising the *'Suffolk Spring Clean'* fortnight to all households on our annual Easter refuse collection leaflet and online. We also plan to promote our support for these events when re-contacting and following up the Parish and Town Councils contacted for the Cleansing Review Consultation.

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