

## Report of the Area Co-ordinator to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 21 November 2013.

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### **Subject:**

**Street Cleansing - Devolution**

### **Summary statement:**

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- New working arrangements for road and pavement sweeping
- Financial information by Ward
- Requests for service information by Ward
- Fly tipping reports by ward

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### **Overview & Scrutiny Area:**

**Environment and Waste Management**



## **1. SUMMARY**

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## **2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 A progress on Street Cleansing was presented to this committee on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013. The Area Committee recommended:

- That a breakdown of funding on a ward be brought to a future Bradford East Area Committee.

### **2.2 New Working Arrangements for Road and Pavement Sweeping**

2.2.1 Efficiency savings required from the Street Cleansing Budget for 2013/2014 has meant a reduction in working hours in the road and pavement sweeping operation.

2.2.2 Instead of working a double shift pattern 7 days a week from 5.30am to 5.00pm every day with the exception of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day the service now operates a normal 5 day working pattern from 6.00am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday and with a skeleton crew operating from 6.00pm to 12.00 noon at weekends. At weekends the priorities are main town and village centres. After consultation with all trade unions this new working pattern was implemented on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September. At this stage it is too early to measure the impact the reduced service is having on the performance of sweeping particularly in the leafy season but will be the subject of further reports to this committee.

Changing the way we work and improving efficiency with the remaining resource will be crucial if we are to maintain current service levels. Management is in the process increasing the number of disposal sites, introducing a fuel card system so that drivers do not have to return to the depot and the use of water hydrants for the vehicles to reduce travelling downtime and increase sweeping time.

### **2.3 Budget information by Ward**

2.3.1 Appendix 1 gives a breakdown of the Street Cleansing budget by ward.

2.3.2 The budget for street cleansing is predominantly staff, equipment and vehicles.

## **2.4 Street Cleansing Requests for Service and Fly tipping reports**

2.4.1 Appendix 2 shows the requests for service. The figures show that Bradford East has seen a very slight increase overall in the number of cases logged. Five of the wards are experiencing a reduction or are maintaining their previous levels, but Little Horton is seeing a 10% increase in reports. With regards fly tipping reports, Bradford East is experiencing a 45% increase in reporting, with all six wards having seen an increase.

## **3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

3.1 Further efficiency savings required in 2014/15 will place further strain on the service and on the levels of cleanliness in Bradford East and throughout the district.

## **4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

4.1 A breakdown of resources for Bradford East is shown in Appendix 1.

## **5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

5.1 The reduction in the budget in 2013/14 will have implications for the cleanliness of Bradford East in terms of litter and detritus which could impact on the levels of reports and complaints to the Council. Any further reductions in 2014/15 will place additional pressure on the service.

## **6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

6.1 Legal Services have been consulted and have not raised any major issues.

## **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

### **7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

7.1.1 The Street Cleaning Services provides coverage and support for all residents and visitors to the Bradford East Area. Area Committee decisions will need to be made in line with Equal Rights legislation. This will require the Committee to assess the potential equality impact of any decisions they make.

### **7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

7.2.1 No significant implications. However in terms of waste collected Street Cleansing teams always separate and recycle materials where it is practicable to do so. In addition increased local decision making has the potential to create more sustainable solutions to local issues.

### **7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

- 7.3.1 Street Cleansing Teams continue to divert waste away from landfill by recycling as much waste as possible to reduce methane and carbon dioxide emissions.

### **7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.4.1 Increased local decision making has the potential to improve community safety through more closely addressing local priorities.

### **7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

- 7.5.1 None specific.

### **7.6 TRADE UNION**

- 7.6.1 Management continue to meet with the trade unions with regards the Street Cleansing service and in particular with regards the restructuring of the mechanical sweeping service and the redeployment of staff.

### **7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.7.1 The information in this report is relevant to all Wards in Bradford East.

### **7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.8.1 An increased level devolution of the services will allow the Area Committee to further address local priorities for those services.

## **8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

- 8.1 There are no not for publication documents.

## **9. OPTIONS**

- 9.1. Members have the option to redirect Street Cleansing resources within the Bradford East Area.
- 9.2 As a devolved service members have the option to have significant input into shaping the service particularly when developing the ward plans.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 That the Area Committee notes the update of Street Cleansing Services.

## **11. APPENDICES**

- 11.1 Appendix 1 - Financial break down by ward
- 11.2 Appendix 2 - Requests for street cleansing and fly tipping reports

## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- 12.1 Devolution to Area Committees” (Document AG), Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Sport to the Council Executive, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012.
- 12.2 Devolution of Council Service budgets and responsibilities to Area Committees from 2012-13 onwards” (Document U), Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Sport to the meeting of the Council Corporate Governance & Audit Committee on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012, Devolution to Area Committees
- 12.3 Report of the Bradford East Area Coordinator (Document Q) to the meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013.

## Street Cleansing Devolved Budgets 2013-14

## APPENDIX 1 - FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

### Bolton & Undercliffe

Management & supervisory	6,383
Driver (share with Eccleshill)	13,750
2 ops (share with Eccleshill)	18,100
Vehicle (share with Eccleshill)	8,800
Lge mech veh + driver (one-eighteenth)	3,406
Sml mech veh + driver (one-half)	22,550
Supplies & services	17,736
Income	-1,442
	<b>89,284</b>

### Eccleshill

Management & supervisory	6,383
Driver (share with Bolton & Undercliffe)	13,750
2 ops (share with Bolton & Undercliffe)	18,100
Vehicle (share with Bolton & Undercliffe)	8,800
Lge mech veh + driver (one-eighteenth)	3,406
Sml mech veh + driver (one-half)	22,550
Supplies & services	17,736
Income	-1,442
	<b>89,284</b>

### Idle & Thackley

Management & supervisory	6,383
Driver	27,500
2 ops	36,200
Vehicle	17,600
Lge mech veh + driver (one-eighteenth)	3,406
Sml mech veh + driver (one-half)	22,550
Supplies & services	17,736
Income	-1,442
	<b>129,934</b>

### Little Horton

Management & supervisory	6,383
Driver	27,500
4 ops	72,400
Vehicle	17,600
Lge mech veh + driver (one-eighteenth)	3,406
Sml mech veh + driver (one-half)	22,550
Supplies & services	17,736
Income	-1,442
	<b>166,134</b>

### Bradford Moor

Management & supervisory	6,383
Driver	27,500
5 ops	90,500
Vehicle	17,600
Lge mech veh + driver (one-eighteenth)	3,406
Sml mech veh + driver (one-half)	22,550
Supplies & services	17,736
Income	-1,442
	<b>184,234</b>

### Bowling & Barkerend

Management & supervisory	6,383
Driver	27,500
4 ops	72,400
Vehicle	17,600
Lge mech veh + driver (one-eighteenth)	3,406
Sml mech veh + driver (one-half)	22,550
Supplies & services	17,735
Income	-1,442
	<b>166,133</b>

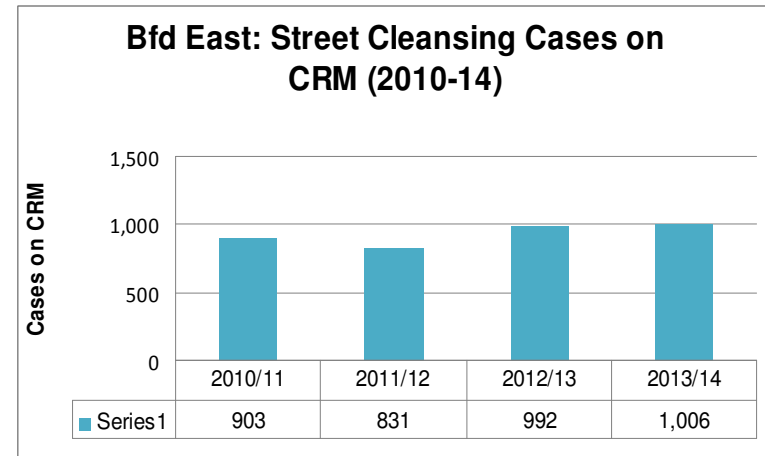
**TOTAL EAST AREA**

**825,000**

## STREET CLEANSING AND FLY TIPPING REPORTS

### Street Cleansing

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	Proj. 2013/14	Change
Bolton & Undercliffe	156	119	151	151	0%
Bowling & Barkerend	191	175	220	223	1%
Bradford Moor	206	224	209	206	-1%
Eccleshill	102	95	109	106	-3%
Idle & Thackley	97	70	136	122	-10%
Little Horton	151	148	167	197	18%
<b>Bradford East</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>1%</b>



### Fly Tipping

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	Proj. 2013/14	Change
Bolton & Undercliffe	81	97	129	166	26%
Bowling & Barkerend	242	286	298	439	47%
Bradford Moor	226	265	291	480	65%
Eccleshill	81	136	113	178	57%
Idle & Thackley	56	78	79	130	64%
Little Horton	209	267	333	408	23%
<b>Bradford East</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>1,129</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>45%</b>

