

# Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Sport to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 27 June 2013.

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## Subject:

Deployment of Street Cleansing – Bradford South

## Summary statement:

This report outlines the deployment of Street Cleansing in Bradford South.

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## 1. SUMMARY

This report outlines the deployment of Street Cleansing in Bradford South.

## 2. BACKGROUND

### 2.1 Ward based Clean Teams

There are 15 staff working in the Bradford South clean teams across the six wards. Each team consists of a driver co-ordinator and a number of operatives depending on the needs of a given Ward. There is one manager who reports directly to the Area Coordinator. Working times are from 7.15 am to 3.45pm Monday to Thursday and 7.15am to 3.15 pm Friday. The range of work covered by the teams includes:

- Litter picking and manual sweeping
- Emptying litter bins
- Removal of fly tipping
- Removal of dog fouling
- Cleaning of traffic islands, central reservations and high speed roads
- Syringe and needle removal
- Cutting back vegetation
- Removal of fallen leaves in Autumn
- Removal of weeds
- Cutting down illegal advertisements on lampposts
- Reporting any issues that they are unable to deal with to Council Wardens, enforcement officers or other appropriate officers e.g. overflowing trade bins, rubbish in gardens, large scale graffiti etc
- Removal of bonfires (directed by Emergency Planning)
- Snow clearance and hand gritting working to a Snow Plan (when the cleansing service is suspended due to inclement weather and called upon by Highways)
- Recycling as much waste as possible
- Special events
- Emergencies (removal of dead animals, road traffic accidents, oil spillages, fallen branches, gas cylinders)
- Edging of grass verges and cleaning of snickets
- Administration of specific action days in wards.

2.2 Teams are familiar with the wards they operate in and have strong working relationships with the Police, Fire Service, Council Wardens and the local community to tackle problems quickly. This joint working approach enables staff working in specific wards to develop a sense of ownership and pride for their areas.

2.3 The work is driven by a number of factors including known hotspots, requests for service, emergencies and emptying of litter bins. It is the responsibility of the Street Cleansing Manager to ensure the most appropriate and effective deployment.

2.4 The new structure in Bradford South provides for 4 Clean Teams, each with a van, working on a Ward basis and 3 mechanical sweepers.

2.5 The 4 Clean Teams work as follows:

Great Horton/Queensbury  
1 Driver/Co-ordinator  
3 Street Scene Operatives

Wyke  
1 Driver/Co-ordinator  
2 Street Scene Operatives

Wibsey/Royds  
1 Driver/Co-ordinator  
2 Street Scene Operatives  
1 Linesman covering Wibsey Village, Smith Avenue and Beacon

Road.

Tong  
1 Driver/Co-ordinator  
3 Street Scene Operatives

2.6 In addition there is an apprentice working with each of Great Horton/Queensbury, Wibsey and Tong teams.

2.7 At present, in addition to the above, we are holding a post vacant whilst the restructure relating to Mechanical Sweeping is completed.

2.8 **Mechanical Sweeping**

This operation deploys three mechanical sweepers across Bradford South. Their prime objective is to remove silt and detritus from the pavements and streets of the district and is a seven-day operation working from 5.30am to 5.00pm every day of the week with the exception of Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. As they work a four days on – four days off shift pattern the service requires six drivers. Mechanical sweepers are deployed for approximately 3 hours per day cleaning the City Centre and gateways. The mechanical sweepers include a mid-ranger vehicle which is most appropriate for carriageways and back streets and 2 pavement sweepers. They work across all 6 Wards working in a different Ward each day. Main roads and gateways are a priority and they liaise with the Ward based Clean Team Driver/Co-ordinator to ensure that other issues are picked up.

3. **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no "Other Considerations".

4. **OPTIONS**

4.1 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.

4.2 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.

- 4.3 That Bradford South Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

## **5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

### **5.1 Financial**

Resources for Street Cleansing in Bradford South are provided from the budget delegated to the Bradford South Area Committee.

### **5.2 Staffing**

The staffing structure is being provided from within the existing resources of the Neighbourhood Service from the budget delegated to the Bradford South Area Committee.

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

There are no significant risks arising out of the proposed recommendations in this report.

## **7. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

This work relates directly to the Local Government Act 2000 and to the Duty of Well-being placed upon the Council to promote and improve the well-being of the District.

## **8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

### **8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

The work undertaken by Street Cleansing provides a fair and inclusive service to all communities within Bradford South.

### **8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

Street Cleansing is an element in actions taken to address priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14 supported by the work of the Clean Teams and Mechanical Sweepers.

### **8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

Actions to assist in identifying the greenhouse gas impacts of actions will be undertaken. These will include a consideration of for example energy efficiency opportunities in purchasing new equipment, etc.

### **8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.4.1 A clean environment is acknowledged as a key contributor to improving perceptions of Community Safety and quality of life in neighbourhoods. These have therefore been identified for inclusion in the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14. Clean Teams and Mechanical Sweepers contribute to work to address these priorities.

## **8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

8.5.1 No direct implications arising from the Human Rights Act.

## **8.6 TRADE UNION**

8.6.1 No direct Trade Union implications arise from this report.

## **8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

8.7.1 The work of Street Cleansing will help to address issues in the Great Horton, Queensbury, Royds, Tong, Wibsey and Wyke Wards.

## **8.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)**

8.8.1 The priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee's Action Plan 2011-14 help to inform the work of Street Cleansing.

## **9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

None.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 The report be noted.

## **11. APPENDICES**

None.

## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

“Devolution to Area Committee – Street Cleansing” (Document AE), Report to Bradford South Area Committee, 22 November 2012.

“Neighbourhood Service Re-structure 2011/12 (Document E), Report to Bradford South Area Committee, 28 June 2012.