

Report of the Area Co-ordinator to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 28th 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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1. SUMMARY

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2. BACKGROUND

2.1 A progress report on Street Cleansing was presented to this committee on the 25th July 2013. The Area Committee recommended:

- That the update and progress of Street Cleansing services with regards to devolution be noted.
- That a breakdown of funding by Ward be brought with the next report to this 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 2nd 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 that the projection for Bradford South is on course for an 11% reduction in cases reported. Tong has experienced an increase in reports, but the other five wards are all showing falls in reported cases. With regards fly tipping reports, Bradford South is on course for a 35% increase in reporting, though Wyke is one of only four wards in the whole district to see a decrease and has also seen a major decrease in street cleansing requests too suggesting that something is working very well in this particular ward. Officers in Street Cleansing are undertaking further analysis of the fly tipping figures and this will be reported at the next committee.

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 South and throughout the district.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 A breakdown of resources for Bradford South 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 South 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 South 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 South.

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 South 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.
- 10.2 That further financial and operational information with regards reports continues to be brought to this Committee.

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

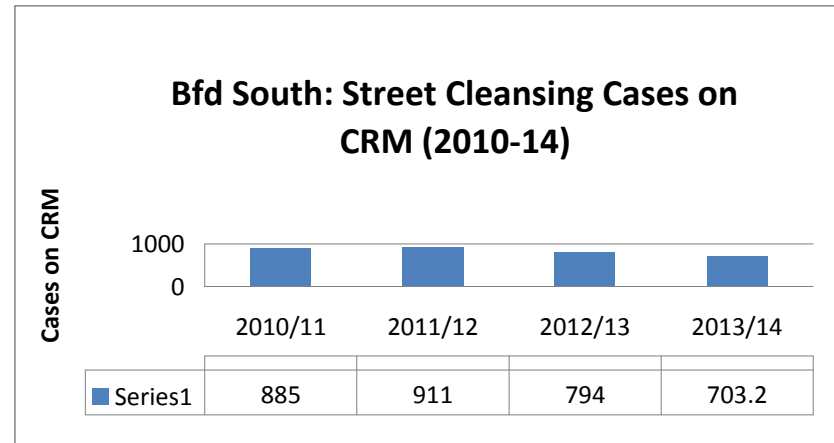
- 12.1 Devolution to Area Committees” (Document AG), Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Sport to the Council Executive, 9th October 2012.
- 12.2 Devolution of Council Service budgets and responsibilities to Area Committees from 2012-13 onwards” (Document U), Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Sport to the meeting of the Council Corporate Governance & Audit Committee on 5th October 2012, Devolution to Area Committees
- 12.3 Report of the Bradford South Area Coordinator (Document U) to the meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee 25th July 2013.

Street Cleansing Devolved Budgets 2013-14**APPENDIX 1 - FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN**

<u>Royds</u>		<u>Wibsey</u>		<u>Great Horton</u>	
Management & supervisory	6,383	Management & supervisory	6,383	Management & supervisory	6,383
Driver (share with Wibsey)	13,750	Driver (share with Royds)	13,750	Driver (share with Queensbury)	13,750
2 ops (share with Wibsey)	20,100	2 ops (share with Royds)	20,100	4 ops (share with Queensbury)	38,200
Vehicle (share with Wibsey)	8,800	Vehicle (share with Royds)	8,800	Vehicle (share with Queensbury)	8,800
Lge mech veh + driver (one-eighteenth)	3,406	Lge mech veh + driver (one-eighteenth)	3,406	Lge mech veh + driver (one-eighteenth)	3,406
Sml mech veh + driver (one-half)	22,550	Sml mech veh + driver (one-half)	22,550	Sml mech veh + driver (one-half)	22,550
Supplies & services	36,986	Supplies & services	36,986	Supplies & services	36,986
Income	-1,442	Income	-1,442	Income	-1,442
	110,534		110,534		128,634
<u>Queensbury</u>		<u>Wyke</u>		<u>Tong</u>	
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4 ops (share with Great Horton)	38,200	2 ops	36,200	3 ops	56,300
Vehicle (share with Great Horton)	8,800	Vehicle	17,600	Vehicle	17,600
Lge mech veh + driver (one-eighteenth)	3,406	Lge mech veh + driver (one-eighteenth)	3,406	Lge mech veh + driver (one-eighteenth)	3,406
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Supplies & services	36,986	Supplies & services	36,986	Supplies & services	36,985
Income	-1,442	Income	-1,442	Income	-1,442
	128,634		149,184		169,283
				TOTAL SOUTH AREA	796,800

Street Cleansing

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	Proj. 2013/14	Change
Great Horton	183	199	250	233	-7%
Queensbury	106	115	101	98	-3%
Royds	91	88	94	79	-16%
Tong	261	272	128	146	14%
Wibsey	148	150	143	125	-13%
Wyke	96	87	78	22	-72%
Bradford South	885	911	794	703	-11%



Fly Tipping

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	Proj. 2013/14	Change
Great Horton	214	176	185	226	22%
Queensbury	70	78	53	82	54%
Royds	103	132	141	214	51%
Tong	166	279	242	370	53%
Wibsey	104	160	142	185	30%
Wyke	97	70	99	89	-10%
Bradford South	754	895	862	1,164	35%

