

Inner East Area Committee Environment Sub Group

Terms of Reference

Vision:

An Inner East Leeds with a clean and tidy streetscape and high quality public green spaces that the whole community can enjoy and take pride in.

Aim:

To provide strategic direction for the improvement of service delivery and the quality of the environment for the Inner East wards of Burmantoft & Richmond Hill, Gipton & Harehills and Killingbeck & Seacroft through targeted response to local priorities, better co-ordination of service delivery and investment in public green spaces.

Objectives:

The over arching objectives of the Environmental Sub Group is to:

1. Oversee the implementation of those parts of the environmental services delegated to the Area Committee;
2. To ensure that the Inner East Area actively makes a contribution to Leeds becoming the Best City
3. To seek new initiatives and ways of working to improve the environment across the Inner East of Leeds.
4. Designated Ward Members to set area priorities and review them annually.

Within this the sub group will seek to:

- To establish and maintain a productive relationship with Officers to achieve the best outcomes from the available resources;
- Drive forward improvements to public green spaces including parks, play areas and other open spaces;
- To agree and oversee the projects including Environmental Improvement Zones;
- Review delivery of the Grounds Maintenance Contract;
- To co-ordinate a joined up approach to environmental enforcement in its widest sense e.g. to include anti-social behaviour and derelict sites;
- Oversee and give support to the implementation of the SLA, including securing community involvement in the design, deployment and monitoring of the delegated services;
- To receive quarterly reports on the delegated services and closely monitor the performance and outcomes of the SLA;
- With relevant officers, to undertake an annual review of the SLA;
- To assist in the annual development of a new SLA, setting priorities for service delivery;
- To monitor the Probation Community Payback scheme delivery and SLA, agreeing priorities and amendments to SLA;
- Agree Probation Service projects and work schedules to compliment/meet the priorities of the Environmental Sub Group.
- To discuss and agree support for 'In Bloom' groups;

- To discuss methods to raise awareness and provide education in relation to environmental issues;
- To consider in-year variations to the SLA, making agreed recommendations to the Area Committee and Locality Manager to implement;
- To assist the Area Committee in preparing an annual report to Executive Board detailing the performance against service outcomes and the execution of Executive Board policy locally.
- To consider equality, diversity, community cohesion and community safety matters in relation to the delegation of environmental services.

Membership:

The Sub Group includes a ward member from each ward, including the Environments Champion that is appointed annually at the Inner East Community Committee who will chair this meeting.

The sub group will be serviced by a Localities Officer from the Communities Team And a representative from the following services will attend:

Cleaner Neighbourhoods Team

Probation Service

Housing Leeds

Parks & Countryside

and representatives from other services as appropriate.

In addition Grounds Maintenance (Continental Landscapes), East North East Homes, Parks & Countryside, Local Anti-Social Behaviour Team and other major landowners/managers such as Education Leeds will be invited to attend at regular intervals as will officers from planning enforcement.

Frequency of Meetings:

The Sub Group will meet four times a year and make recommendations to the Area Committee for approval. The frequency of meetings will be reviewed annually by the Area Committee.