

CABINET MEMBER FOR STREETPRIDE

Venue: Training Room, 3rd Floor **Date:** Monday, 27th July, 2009
Bailey House,
Rawmarsh Road,
Rotherham. S60 1TD

Time: *9.45 a.m.

* please note the start time for this meeting

A G E N D A

1. To determine if the following matters are to be considered under the categories suggested, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended March 2006).
2. To determine any item which the Chairman is of the opinion should be considered later in the agenda as a matter of urgency.
3. Minutes of previous meetings of the Cabinet Member for Streetpride.
See Minutes to be presented to Council – 22nd July, 2009 – White Book.
- for signature by the Cabinet Member
4. Petition relating to shrub borders at Heighton View, Swallownest. (report attached) (Pages 1 - 5)
Steve Mellard, Streetpride Landscape Manager, to report.
- to report the petition received with regard to the maintenance of shrub borders at the aged person centre, Heighton View.

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Streetpride – Delegated Powers Meeting
2.	Date:	27 July 2009
3.	Title:	Petition Relating to Shrub Maintenance, Heighton View, Swallownest
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

To report the receipt of a petition signed by residents requesting the pruning of shrubs at Heighton View Centre, Swallownest

6. Recommendations

That:

(a) Streetpride Service carry out shrub maintenance as part of the grounds maintenance programme ensuring a safe and pleasing landscape environment.

7. Proposals and details

The petition, **attached as Appendix A**, refers to the aged person centre at Heighton View and the lack of maintenance to the shrub borders

Residents have drawn attention to problems of hazards to footways and the general unkempt environment.

As a result of a site meeting and in consultation with the Warden at the site we have immediately instigated works to ensure that footways at this site are clear from hazards from vegetation within the shrub borders.

The clearance of weeds and general upkeep of the shrub borders is within our programme for shrub maintenance and work is scheduled to be undertaken by mid August.

8. Finance

The works are being carried out within the existing revenue budget for grounds maintenance through the 'at cost' arrangements with Ringway Infrastructure Northern.

9. Risks and uncertainties

Since working 'at cost' with Ringway there have been a number of areas of the service that we have been unable to resource adequately. Whilst additional funding has been provided for the grounds maintenance service in 2009/10 this has been utilised for an increase in resource for grass cutting and seasonal bedding. Shrub border work has been spasmodic with other work having to take priority and limited resources available.

In the medium term, it is anticipated that the reorganisation and integration of the Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing services may allow more resources to be applied to shrub border work in 2010/11.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

(a) Corporate Plan

Grounds maintenance principally contributes to the following priority in the Council's Corporate Plan:

ROTHERHAM SAFE "A place where neighbourhoods are green and well maintained..... there will be attractive public space.....environments will be protected". Having clean and green neighbourhoods is much more than just aesthetics; the physical environment we live in affects how we feel about ourselves and about life in general. People are much more likely to take a pride in their locality if it is clean, green and in good condition. Accordingly, well maintained estates also contribute to the other Corporate Priorities of **Rotherham Proud** and **Rotherham Alive** ("a place where people feel good").

(b) Cross Cutting Issues

Regeneration: Development of Rotherham's landscape helps support several of the Regeneration Priorities including "**A good environment**"

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Consultation with local residents and the centre warden has already taken place.

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Heighon View,
Aughton,
Sheffield,
S26 3NT.

For the attention of S. Mallard.

25th June 2009.

Dear Sir,

My residents and myself would like to ask if it's possible for someone to come and have a look at the state of Heighon View's gardens.

We once had rose hedges, now we only have weeds, we once got our hedges cut, not any more!!

We cannot get past the hedges round the centre for nettles and blackberry branches, which are both very keen and dangerous to the legs.

My residents would like to know where their gardening money that they pay in with their rent is going. Apart from grass cutting there has been nothing done on here for years.

Thanking You.

Mrs. J. Barratt

Wooler. - 07717224655.

I am enclosing a petition all signed from my residents, because they are fed up with having to cut their own hedges and tidying up their own gardens. They are all big ages and should not be having to do this.

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