

RESULTS OF MEMBER CONSULTATION SESSION ON STREET CLEANSING – 29 July 2013

Members worked in groups by Neighbourhood Forum Area for the exercise on litter bins. They largely stayed in the same groups for the rest of the exercises, except from two Haslingden, Helmshore and Edenfield Councillors who joined the Whitworth Councillor after the litter bin exercise. The litter bin exercise is reported in Appendix 7.

The following are the quotes from the groups in relation to each of the proposals. Members were asked if they were supportive of the proposals and what other suggestions they may have.

RBC Town Centre Caretaker and Litter Picker Service

- Want to keep our best staff – need to retain as much/actually have more time and quality of service as currently have in Haslingden. Need to consider this service in context of sweepers.
- Agreed to working as a ‘team’ and being able to provide cover when required.
- Local town centre shops should be targeted to make sure they are aware of need to keep outside of their shop clean – and educate customers – how can the council enforce this?
- Some caretakers better than others so moving about will help.
- Should be targeting takeaways and night clubs that don’t pick up their own rubbish.
- Yes.
- T&F group have dealt with this.

Whitworth Litter Picker

- Need clarification – litter picker or caretaker roles. What other duties are carried out and area covered. Maybe include in Borough wide services.
- Good idea.
- Yes.

Garden Waste Collections

Option 1 – change to policy

- Ok, but do we need to collect in winter months? (Nov – Feb)
- No winter collections
- Yes – why do farms need brown bins?
- Promote compost bins rather than brown bins
- Yes but in relation to garden waste for ‘outlying’ areas – do not remove but look at collection frequency
- Reduce frequency from fortnightly to monthly on garden waste and other recyclables

Option 2 – charge for collections

- Not popular
- Follow option 1
- Stress cost of £35 for brown bins
- In principle accept charging for bins
- No because not all households could pay this – they would put waste in general waste bins

Removal of Recycling Bring Sites

- Supportive - Sort of!
- Sub-contract cleaning
- Split thoughts – the neighbours to the site do not like. The terrace cottages owners do like as they have no space for bins
- Supportive – in principle.
- Leave Dean Lane as it is used by the farms up the lane
- Remove all the bring sites. Ensure blue bins are provided to every household.
- What happens to farms and outlying properties? Accept removal of all but ASDA which is well used.
- If ASDA is kept it must be emptied and cleaned regularly.

Street Sweeping

Removal of Pavement Sweeper

- Yes, supportive
- Yes
- Enforce litter fines
- The key issues are the need to increase productivity and flexibility of this service
- Accept this but need to have back up in case one of the two breaks down.

Removal of Road Sweeper

- Yes, supportive
- Yes
- No
- Main roads – happy with proposals. Housing estates – happy as long as done every 2 months – need to see rota cos not sure it is done at present.
- Need to put pressure on LCC to ensure gulleys are cleaned. Councillors need to see rota – regularly.
- Central place needed for Councillors to receive/look at rotas for all operational duties.