

Agenda Item No: 9.8 **Report No:** 54/15
Report Title: Ward Issues Raised by Councillors at Council
Report To: Cabinet **Date:** 19 March 2015
Cabinet Members: Councillors Blackman and Franklin
Ward(s) Affected: Lewes Castle, Seaford South, Chailey and Wivelsfield
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Purpose of Report:

To respond to ward issues raised by councillors.

Officers Recommendation(s):

To note and agree the officer action detailed in the Report.

Reasons for Recommendations

To ensure that appropriate follow up action is taken.

Information

- 1 The following ward issues were raised at the Council meeting on 25 February 2015:

<u>Councillor/Ward</u>	<u>Ward Issue Concerning</u>	
Councillor Chartier – Lewes Castle Ward	Councillor Chartier understood that a Board had been established to manage the joint venture with the Santon Group for the development of the North Street Quarter in Lewes.	

<u>Councillor/Ward</u>	<u>Ward Issue Concerning</u>	
	<p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> Could the Council be advised as to who were the members of that Board and details of the Scheme of Delegation that the Board had from the Council to make decisions on its behalf?</p>	DBSD
<p>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Business Strategy and Development):</p> <p>LDC have signed an Interim Agreement with Santon Group as a precursor to the full Joint Venture agreement. That Interim Agreement sets out how the parties will form a Shadow Joint Venture Board solely with the purpose of agreeing the final scheme to proceed to planning, and followed Cabinet agreement of 24th April 2014 to the signing of such an agreement.</p> <p>That Cabinet report also set out LDC's prioritised objectives for any scheme at North Street and authorised the Director of Business Strategy and Development, in consultation with the Council Leader, to approve the submission of a joint planning application on behalf of the Santon Group and the District Council providing that such application met those objectives. The Shadow Joint Venture board met on 26 January 2015 and has agreed the planning application, which has been submitted. In line with the Cabinet delegation, the Director of Business Strategy and Development and the Chief Executive represented LDC on the Joint Venture Board with the Council Leader in attendance.</p> <p>A report was prepared to formally enact the execution of the delegated powers and a note was taken of the Shadow JV Board meeting.</p> <p>The full Joint Venture board will only come into existence once the final joint venture agreement is signed. The full make up of the eventual board is yet to be decided and a further Cabinet report will be prepared to sign off any Joint Venture agreement. The issue of future Board representation will be covered in that report.</p>		
Councillor Adeniji – Seaford South Ward	<p>Dog fouling had got worse in Seaford over the winter months. The Council had recently joined the "We are Watching You" campaign relating to raising awareness of dog owners who allowed their pets to foul in public places without cleaning-up behind them.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> Councillor Adeniji felt that there was a need to provide more Dog Wardens in Seaford to help deter dog owners from not cleaning-up after their pets have fouled. Therefore, would the Council give consideration to training Seaford Town Council employees or volunteers to become Dog Wardens?</p>	DSD

<u>Councillor/Ward</u>	<u>Ward Issue Concerning</u>	
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u></p> <p>The Animal Welfare Officers work closely with partner agencies to investigate incidents of dog fouling. Lewes District Council has worked proactively with the Police in Seaford and the local Police Community Support Officers have been authorised for over a year to issue fixed penalty notices to offenders in respect of dog fouling. It would be possible to have discussions with Seaford Town Council and investigate the possibility of authorising the Town Council so that any existing enforcement staff they have may also undertake this function.</p> <p>Lewes District Council encourages members of the public to contact us about any offenders who allow their dogs to foul so that we can thoroughly investigate the matter further.</p>		
<p>Councillor Davy – Chailey and Wivelsfield Ward</p>	<p>Some years ago, the Council had asked the Trustees of Chailey and Wivelsfield Village Halls to help to find some space from where materials for recycling could be collected. Unfortunately, the car park surfaces at those Halls had not been constructed to withstand the weight of the vehicles that were used for such collection and, consequently, the car parks had been damaged by those vehicles for which, for some time, no action had been taken to admit responsibility or provide funding for the necessary repairs to be undertaken.</p> <p>Councillor Davy had subsequently been asked to assist with resolving the problem.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Council's Director of Service Delivery, Gillian Marston; and the Waste Operations Manager, Greg Martin, be thanked for their help in resolving the matter; and that Councillor Franklin be thanked for his support in respect of the issue.</p>	<p>DSD</p>
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u></p> <p>Thanks have been passed to LDC officers and Councillor Paul Franklin for their help and support in resolving the matter at the Chailey and Wivelsfield Village Hall Car park.</p>		

Financial Appraisal

2 None arising from this Report.

Legal Implications

3 None arising from this Report.

Sustainability Implications

- 4 I have not completed the Sustainability Implications Questionnaire as this Report is exempt from the requirement because it is an administration Report.

Risk Management Implications

- 5 I have not completed the Risk Management Checklist as there is no need to undertake a risk assessment.

Equality Screening

- 6 I have not completed the Equality Analysis checklist as this Report is free from the requirement to do so.

Background Papers

- 7 None

Appendices

- 8 None