

Agenda Item No: 9.9 **Report No:** 153/16
Report Title: Ward Issues Raised by Councillors at Council
Report To: Cabinet **Date:** 16 November 2016
Cabinet Members: Councillors Giles, Nicholson and Smith
Ward(s) Affected: Seaford North; Newhaven Valley; and Peacehaven East
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Purpose of Report:

To respond to ward issues raised by councillors at Meetings of the Council.

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 13 October 2016:

<u>Councillor/Ward</u>	<u>Ward Issue Concerning</u>	
Councillor Lambert – Seaford North Ward	The Council owned the Cradle Hill industrial estate in Seaford in respect of which local residents had persistently raised concerns about the number of heavy goods vehicles and skips from companies that were located on the estate and which travelled along narrow residential roads with parked cars either side that were clearly unsuitable for that kind of traffic. The issue applied particularly to Quarry Lane and Valley Drive.	

<u>Councillor/Ward</u>	<u>Ward Issue Concerning</u>	
	<p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u></p> <p>That the Council join Councillor Lambert and East Sussex County Councillor Carolyn Lambert in writing to firms on the estate who used skip lorries and other heavy goods vehicles to request that they use the appropriate routes to access the estate namely; the A259 and Alfriston Road.</p> <p><i>(Note: The Cabinet Member for Waste and Recycling, Councillor Franklin, reported that the Council did not own all of the Cradle Hill industrial estate. He suggested that the Council write to its tenants on the estate to request that they do not drive heavy goods vehicles and skip lorries along the narrow residential roads. He further suggested that the Council write to the Highways Department, East Sussex County Council, to seek its suggestions regarding the control of heavy goods vehicles from using residential roads that were unsuitable for the use of such traffic).</i></p>	<p>DRP</p> <p>DRP</p>
	<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Regeneration and Planning):</u></p> <p>The Council has written to a specific tenant on the Cradle Hill Estate who is known to have a number of heavy goods vehicle and skip movements on a daily basis. The letter requests that the tenant's vehicles do not use Quarry Lane or Valley Drive, but instead approach Cradle Hill from the A259 via Cradle Hill Road. The letter was sent on 21st October and officers will be monitoring complaints from residents to ensure there is no repeat.</p>	

<p>Councillor Saunders – Newhaven Valley Ward</p>	<p>Residents had noticed the installation of several wooden benches at Neills Close, Newhaven , which, apparently, were rarely, if ever, used. However, the area of recreational open space that was known locally as The Union, did not benefit from such facilities which, if installed, would increase the enjoyment of those who used that space.</p> <p>The path which led from the flat area at the top, down to the inclined field which was adjacent to Brighton Road, had become overgrown and a tree had fallen across it which meant that it was almost impossible to fully access areas of the site.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Council provide benches for use by residents</p>	
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	at The Union, Newhaven, and arrange for the path to be cleared which linked the upper and lower open spaces.	DSD
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u> There has previously been a seat installed at The Union. This was removed due to on going vandalism.</p> <p>However, this was several years ago. We will now install a new seat for local residents to use, and monitor it to see if vandalism is still a problem in the area. The footpath from the top of the Union to the lower open space is cleared periodically. It is due for a clearance shortly, which should resolve the problem of access.</p>		

<p>Councillor Saunders – Newhaven Valley Ward</p>	<p>Residents and visitors had enjoyed visiting the Diep-Haven art exhibition that had been staged recently at the former Co-op building in Newhaven.</p> <p>Local residents were keen that the building remain as a retail store. However, Councillor Saunders understood that negotiations to attract a major retailer to the building were not proceeding as well as was hoped.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Council consider the possibility of developing the building into a community hall where art exhibitions and other community events could be staged such as theatrical events; shows; conferences and receptions; exercise and dance classes; sporting activities and educational events. There was a car park which could be used by those attending the hall.</p> <p>Councillor Saunders also felt that there was a possibility of forming offices, smaller educational spaces or starter units for new businesses above the existing ground floor and there was a basement that could also be utilised. Such suggestions would benefit from the right promotion and possible partnering by, say, the Wave Leisure Trust. Newhaven Town Council would be happy to assist and provide support in bringing the idea forward.</p> <p><i>(Note: The Leader of the Council, Councillor Smith, reported that, whilst the Council's objective was to regenerate Newhaven town centre in a sustainable way, Councillor Saunders' suggestions would be</i></p>	<p>DRP</p> <p>DRP</p> <p>DRP</p>
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	<i>taken into account as part of that process).</i>	
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Regeneration and Planning):</u> The Council is pleased that the Dieppe-Haven festival was a success and it is encouraging to hear the positive feedback about the vacant property that used to be the Co-Op Stores. Key to regenerating Newhaven Town Centre is increasing footfall and interest in the area and the Council will consider a range of options to achieve that.</p>		

<p>Councillor Harrison-Hicks – Peacehaven East Ward</p>	<p>Councillor Harrison-Hicks thanked the Council’s Officers who had met with her and Councillor Neave to discuss matters relating to car parks in Telscombe and Peacehaven following which Piddinghoe Avenue car park had been repaired and work to the Steyning Avenue and Fairlight Avenue car parks was scheduled to be undertaken.</p> <p>Additionally, some broken fences around some of the recycling bins had been renewed and others were scheduled to be replaced or repaired before the end of 2016.</p> <p>Extra visits by the recycling teams would take place to try to reduce the amount of fly-tipping at the car parks.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That Councillor Harrison-Hicks’ thanks be passed to the Officers concerned.</p>	DSD
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u> The relevant managers have been contacted and asked to pass on Councillor Harrison-Hicks’ thanks for the recent works at car parks in Telscombe and Peacehaven and repairs made to some broken fences around recycling bins.</p>		

Financial Appraisal

2 None arising from this Report.

Legal Implications

3 None arising from this Report.

Risk Management Implications

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

Equality Screening

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

Background Papers

- 6 None

Appendices

- 7 None