

**Agenda Item No:** 9.5 **Report No:** 5/15  
**Report Title:** Ward Issues Raised by Councillors at Council  
**Report To:** Cabinet **Date:** 5 January 2015  
**Cabinet Members:** Councillors Franklin and Howson  
**Ward(s) Affected:** Lewes Priory, Seaford South, Newhaven Valley and Peacehaven West  
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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.

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**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 15 October 2014:

<u>Councillor/Ward</u>	<u>Ward Issue Concerning</u>
Councillor O’Keeffe – Lewes Priory Ward	Legionella had been identified in the changing rooms at the Stanley Turner Recreation Ground which were closed at the beginning of November 2014. It was taking quite a while to resolve that difficult problem.

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	<p>Users of that facility believed that there were other solutions which had not yet been fully investigated.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Council discuss with the users of the above facility to consider whether there was a better and quicker solution to resolve the problem.</p>
<p>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</p> <p>Lewes District Council were notified on the 3rd November that a strain of Legionella bacteria had been detected within the shower units on the ground floor of the Stanley Turner changing rooms building. This was a low level colonisation, but as we have a duty of care to the public to make sure our facilities are safe, we had to close the changing rooms until a solution could be found. We informed stake holders of this issue immediately and have subsequently updated all concerned on a regular basis. We have investigated the cause, and discovered that the fault lies in an aging hot water and plumbing system. A temporary fix will be undertaken between Friday 5th and 12th December, with our contract heating engineers working to rewire and replace some of the immersion heaters, carry out chlorination of the system, and replace fault blending valves within the showers. However, this will not address core issues associated with aging hot water cylinders, which in the medium term require complete replacement which is a significant capital investment. There is no guarantee that the temporary fix will hold, given that the cylinders are old and potentially have lime scale issues which cannot be resolved without replacement.</p> <p>As there is a project well underway to invest in renewing the ground floor facilities including showers at the changing rooms in spring 2015, it is consider prudent to wait until that time to invest in a larger scale more costly and lasting solution to upgrade the aging hot water system</p> <p>Should the temporary fix not last long enough, officers have liaised with Lewes Rugby club and explored other temporary options including installing temporary facilities on the site but there have proved too expensive, at a cost of over £400 per week + installation and service charges. Officers have been in touch with Seaford Rugby Club and Seaford Town Council, and temporary use of their facilities is possible should Lewes Rugby Club wish to pursue this option in the short term</p>	
<p>Councillor Adeniji – Seaford South Ward</p>	<p>Litter collection adjacent to the road along Seaford seafront (i.e. on the 'inland' side of that road) was not being undertaken sufficiently regularly and properly. East Sussex County Council had indicated that it was the responsibility of the Council.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Officers be requested to advise Councillor</p>

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	Adeniji as to which Council was responsible for such litter collection in order that the above problem could be directed to that Council and could be resolved accordingly.
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u></p> <p>This gutter/channel is inspected and cleansed on a weekly basis, usually on a Wednesday or Thursday by the Seaford Street Cleansing crew, weather permitting (High winds/Storms etc). In addition a mechanical sweeper gives the channel a regular sweep as and when access is available due to the parked cars.</p> <p>We are aware of the issue and will continue to monitor the situation.</p>	
<p>Councillor Saunders – Newhaven Valley Ward</p>	<p>Councillor Saunders had previously raised the issue of parking and traffic in Newhaven High Street at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 7 May 2014. He had continued to work with the Police and the Chamber of Commerce in an effort to resolve such problems. Councillor Saunders had been advised by the Police that they were taking action in respect of taxis which flouted the regulations in Newhaven town Centre. However, it appeared that, following discussion with the Chamber of Commerce, it was felt that it was appropriate to allow a limited amount of traffic to pass up the High Street but to prevent parking in areas other than in designated parking bays.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Council's taxi licensing Officers be requested to, once again, approach the taxi companies which were flouting the regulations associated with their licenses to agree not to park in Newhaven town centre.</p> <p>That the Council work with the Police with the aim of installing some bollards in the town centre in order to prevent vehicles from parking in areas other than in designated parking bays.</p>
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u></p> <p>The High Street in Newhaven is part of the public highway and therefore falls under ESCC's jurisdiction in terms of parking enforcement. The Traffic Regulation Order may require an amendment to reflect the parking restrictions and operation, but this is a relatively straight-forward process and we will check that the current TRO is as robust as it needs to be to deal with the problem of</p>	

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	<p>nuisance parking.</p> <p>In the meantime, LDC and ESCC Officers will review the proposal to implement bollards with the aim of putting a solution to the Community Safety partnership for adoption. The Taxi Licensing Officers will also contact the various taxi operators and remind them of their license conditions, and will also consider whether a targeted enforcement campaign is appropriate.</p>
<p>Councillor Harris – Peacehaven West Ward</p>	<p>The Council had installed some new dog waste bins along the cliff top in Peacehaven which were sited adjacent to road junctions in order to assist waste collections. The Council had also removed some dog waste bins which were owned by Peacehaven Town Council that had been located at different sites to the new bins. Lewes District Council had not notified the public of the locations of the new bins. Consequently, dog waste was being left in the locations from which the bins had been removed which, therefore, created a waste hazard.</p> <p>Peacehaven Town Council was including an article in its town magazine and enews which explained the situation.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the Council be requested to return the three dog waste bins which it had removed and which belonged to Peacehaven Town Council.</p>
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u></p> <p>Many of the bins along the Cliff top required major repairs or were even beyond repair. Following a review it was decided to replace the aging/end of life dog and litter bins on the cliff top between Peacehaven Heights and East Saltdean with dual waste bins.</p> <p>This project was carried out to make the operation more efficient and bins have been strategically placed to distribute them more evenly as some of the bins were being under used where others were constantly overflowing. There are now less bins, but overall more capacity as the bins are bigger and have greater containment.</p> <p>Initially there were problems with people leaving little piles of waste where the bins used to be but this has now resolved itself – the new bins are visible. The council is happy to continue to talk through any issues and seek to resolve them.</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