

Agenda Item No: 9.11 **Report No:** 156/17

Report Title: Ward Issues Raised by Councillors at Council

Report To: Cabinet **Date:** 13 November 2017

Cabinet Members: Councillors Smith, Leader of the Council; Linington and Nicholson

Ward(s) Affected: Peacehaven West; Seaford West; Ouse Valley and Ringmer; and Newhaven Valley Wards

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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 9 October 2017:

Councillor/Ward	Ward Issue Concerning	
Councillor Robertson – Peacehaven West Ward	With regard to the recent potentially dangerous object that was found and investigated in Peacehaven in respect of which Peacehaven Leisure Centre had been opened as a rest centre for displaced residents who had been required to leave their homes.....	

	<p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u></p> <p>That the Council's Officers be thanked for the work that they had undertaken during the evacuation process and that, in such future similar instances, the appropriate Ward councillors be kept informed as to the progress made during emergency incidents.</p>	DSD
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u> Staff who responded to the emergency incident at Peacehaven have been thanked for the dedication shown during the period the rest centre was in operation. In addition, we have thanked staff from Wave Leisure who remained on site throughout the night and next day.</p> <p>In addition, where appropriate and possible, Ward Councillors will be kept informed during emergency incidents.</p>		

<p>Councillor Boorman – Seaford West Ward</p>	<p>The feeding of gulls by people which encouraged such birds to nest near to the food source and which resulted in the gulls causing a nuisance to residents of Seaford West Ward. In some instances gulls attacked people who were in their gardens. Some postal staff were attacked on their delivery rounds by adult gulls which were protecting their young.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That the feeding of gulls be included in the Public Spaces Protection Order and that fines be issued to people who fed those birds.</p>	ADLDS
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Service Delivery):</u> Neighbourhood First officers have not been made aware of problems involving the feeding of gulls and subsequent nuisance caused by these birds in affected parts of Seaford. We will endeavour to find out where these problems are occurring, and by whom, and offer words of advice to the parties concerned. Whilst it is not illegal to feed the birds, those that do are often unaware of the distress that this causes to neighbouring residents. We do not think that considering a PSPO is appropriate at this time. However, if the evidence gathered proves to be significant we may reconsider this for the future.</p>		

<p>Councillor Denis – Ouse Valley and Ringmer Ward</p>	<p>The East Sussex mobile library service and some libraries, including Ringmer Library, were being considered for possible service reduction/withdrawal by East Sussex County Council.</p>	
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	<p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That Lewes District Council consider participating in the consultation that was being undertaken by East Sussex County Council in respect of the proposed reduction/withdrawal of some of the East Sussex library service in order to oppose such action if possible.</p>	DRP
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Director of Regeneration and Planning):</u> The current consultation regarding the ESCC library service closes on 14 December 2017. The Cabinet may wish to request the views of Ringmer Parish Council, and other local councils affected by the proposals relating to library services before deciding whether separate response from Lewes District Council would be appropriate.</p>		

<p>Councillor Carr – Newhaven Valley Ward</p>	<p>Councillor Carr referred to the Ward issue that she had raised at the Meeting of the Council on 17 July 2017 relating to the emptying of dog waste bins which were located at Riverside Park, Newhaven, details of which was reported to the Cabinet at its meeting on 27 September 2017. Councillor Carr reported that she had not been advised of the Comment by the Chief Officer and the action taken by the Cabinet in respect of that issue. Furthermore, Councillor Carr had been advised that, in light of the Council's current restructure, the Council did not currently have a Dog Warden.</p> <p><u>Suggested action to be taken by the Council:</u> That councillors who raised Ward issues at Meetings of the Council be advised of the Comment by the Chief Officer and the action taken by the Cabinet in respect of their issues.</p>	ADLDS (Head of Dem Svces)
<p><u>Comment by Chief Officer (Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services):</u> Ward Issues which are raised by councillors at Meetings of the Council are subsequently the subject of a Report to the Cabinet, the Agenda for which is sent to all Members of the Council. Officers will ensure that once Cabinet has considered the Report, an email is sent to all those councillors who raised Ward Issues, which sets out details of those Issues and the resolution of Cabinet in respect thereof.</p> <p>(NB Whilst the Council no longer employs a Dog Warden, dog related matters are currently progressed by the Neighbourhood First Team and the Council's contractor Alphaguard).</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