

9. SERVICE UPDATE - NETS, LAND AND COUNTRYSIDE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services providing an update of activity of the Nets, Land and Countryside Service teams for the period 1 November to 31 December 2018.

The report provided a summary under the headings of Ground Maintenance; Garden Maintenance; Cleaner Communities; Parks & Woodland which included an update on the works at Williamston and Bankton Woods; and an update on the Ranger Service.

Attached to the report were two appendices; one of which referred to duties imposed on the local authority in terms of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the second which provided details of the council's service standards.

The officer then responded to a number of questions from committee and it was agreed that he would respond to these at the conclusion of the meeting when he was able to gather additional information.

The local area was asked to note the contents of the report.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report; and
2. For all local area committee members to be provided with an answer to the following enquiries :-
 - a. To confirm what "tree works" were still outstanding for the ward;
 - b. To clarify if the council was working with the Woodland Trust on the development of its Tree Health Action Plan;
 - c. To confirm who would be carrying out the felling of trees at Williamston Primary School;
 - d. To clarify if the collection of garden waste in the brown bins could be contributing to the spread of diseases in the tree population