

Report to the Council

Subject: Environmental Protection Portfolio

Date: 19 February 2008

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mrs M Sartin

Item: 6 (e)

Recommending:

That the report of the Environmental Protection Portfolio Holder be noted.

Waste Management Contract

Following some problems over the Christmas/New Year in pockets of the District changes have taken place within the local management of SITA. As a result of these changes improvements have been seen throughout the District.

Specific problems have also arisen with the collection of green waste, the district as a whole producing much larger quantities than the contractors had envisaged. This has resulted in some operational changes while the situation is being monitored.

No date has been set for the first meeting of the Partnership Board as it was felt that the contract should be allowed to bed itself in before a meeting took place. A date will shortly be set for this.

Blakes Golf Club

Residents living in the vicinity of and some considerable distance away from Blakes Golf Club were disturbed by an event which took place on New Year's Eve. This led to police and a member of our Environmental Health team being called to the premises. As a result of the visits the licence holder was served with a noise abatement notice.

Further to this it was found that the premises did not hold a licence to allow the event to take place in a marquee within their grounds. They did, however, have the appropriate licence in place for events taking place within their buildings.

There was concern that a similar event was planned for 1st February, advertisements being placed on websites by the company organising the event. Discussions were held with the premises licence holder regarding the consequences of such an event going ahead. The police were equally concerned that it should not take place and as a result of intervention by our officers and the police the event was cancelled.