

Report to the Council

Subject: Environmental Protection Portfolio

Date: 22 April 2008

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Mrs M Sartin

Item: 7(e)

Recommending:

That the report of the Environmental Protection Portfolio Holder be noted

Bobbingworth Tip

Following the winter period of relative inactivity on the site, work will shortly recommence on the importation of soil. It had been hoped that this work would have begun slightly earlier in April but with the continued rainfall the ground has been too wet to allow the access of HGVs onto the site.

Leaflets are being delivered to the residents of Shelley to make them aware that work will be restarting and giving them new numbers for contact if there are any problems.

Despite the lack of heavy work taking place there has been considerable planting on the edges of the site which Countrycare have been involved in.

Pest Control Contract

With the end of the current Pest Control Contract, notices were issued for interested companies to submit tenders for the new contract. Three tenders were received and were scrutinised on a 50% quality, 50% pricing basis and as a result of this the contract was awarded to Predator Pest Control plc at a cost of £42,000.

Summer Waste Collections

With the coming of May household residual waste collections will be reverting to a weekly cycle. The Council has issued press releases reminding residents about these arrangements and new calendars will be delivered to all homes in the District over the next few days and before the start of the summer arrangements on 6 May, following the May Bank Holiday. Weekly collections will operate for 22 weeks (until Friday 3 October 2008).

Essex Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy

I would remind members that this document is currently out for consultation and that there is the opportunity to respond as individuals. There is also the chance to participate in the discussions which will take place at the Environment and Planning Standing Panel which will have this strategy as an agenda item at their meeting on Thursday of this week. The outcome of discussions at this meeting will form the basis of a formal response from the Council.