

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL 25 November 2015

GRASS CUTTING

1. Grass cutting ceased on 31st October 2015 and will re-commence in March/ April 2016 weather permitting

RECYCLING GREEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

2. We have just ended another very successful season of green waste Collections. Since this year's collections began in April we have collected just short of 5,400 tonnes of green waste from Middlesbrough households, this represents a 16% increase in tonnages over the previous year. Green waste recycling collections have now ceased and will resume from Tuesday 5th April 2016.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

3. The Christmas collections for Refuse & Recycling will largely be unaffected by the Christmas Bank Holidays. The collections due on Friday 25th December 2015 will be collected on Monday 28th December 2015 and collections due on Friday 1st January 2016 will be collected on Monday 3rd January 2016. All other collections will be as normal.
4. Christmas Trees will be collected with the normal refuse collections during week commencing 4th January 2016.

BONFIRE NIGHT

5. Area Care Managers and Operatives worked collectively with PCSO's to provide a bonfire collection service from 3.30pm – 7.00pm. The night proved to be extremely successful with a decrease in incidents of anti-social behaviour compared to previous years. Area Care are fully engaged in the aftermath of bonfire night clearing all the bonfire remains from Council land in all areas including grassed areas in estates and on beck sides.

TOWN CENTRE FLORAL DISPLAYS

6. The floral displays and hanging baskets situated in and around the Town Centre have now been removed for the winter period.

SUMMER BEDDING

7. Due to the exceptionally mild weather summer bedding has lasted long into the Autumn season. Work has now commenced to remove all bedding.

ALBERT PARK

8. Funding has been obtained through the SITA grant awarded for park improvements and works to paint the external building in Albert Park has commenced.

ASSETS AND PROPERTY

8. The Council has received a number of offers for Westside, Nunthorpe and will be bringing forward a report to the Executive Sub Committee for Property setting out the various bids. Likewise the Council has received a number of bids for a parcel of land on Linthorpe Road and will be seeking approval to dispose from Executive Sub Committee for Property. Finally the former MTLC is going to Executive Sub Committee for Property to seek approval to dispose of the site for housing.