

EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL 6 January 2016

ENVIRONMENT

1. Due to the high winds that we have experienced during weekends 21st/22nd November and 5th/6th December, the Council received 11 reports of fallen trees and 7 reports of trees with dangerous branches whereby operatives were required to attend and make safe in the interest of public safety. One of the fallen trees also required police attendance and a road closure.
2. Representatives/Allotment Tenants of the Beechwood Allotments voted for self-management of the site.
3. The voting count resulted in favour to proceed with self-management
4. There has been a problem with the 'Lower' lake in Stewart Park causing flooding. Investigations are ongoing to determine the cause of the problem and find a resolution.
5. The Stewart Park 'Frost Fair' took place on Sunday 6th December 2015 which visitor numbers were reported in the region of 2000.
6. Middlesbrough Council awarded a new dog kennelling contract to Stray Aid in Coxhoe replacing the old arrangements with Waterfalls kennels, Guisborough which are due to close at the end of December 2015.
7. The Council, as part of a North east consortium of Councils has awarded its new Waste Electrical Equipment contract to Valpak – this contract allows for the recovery, recycling & re-use of electrical items which householders are prohibited, under EU law, from putting in their refuse bin.
8. The Waste Strategy team have carried out a number of roadshows across the town, including the Council Hubs. At the events the team has been on hand to provide a wide range of information and ideas on waste prevention and recycling over the Christmas period. This has included information on the collection schedules, what items can be recycled, and how to reduce waste over Christmas.
9. The events have been held at the following:-
 - 25 November – Middlesbrough Bus Station
 - 26 November – The Parkway Centre
 - 2 December – Caldicotes School, Christmas Fayre
 - 3 December – Ayresome School, Christmas Fayre

- 9 December – Grove Hill Hub
- 10 December – Newport Hub
- Tuesday 15 December – Neptune Hub
- Wednesday 16 December – Newport hub
- Thursday 17 December – Thorntree Hub