

## EXECUTIVE MEMBER REPORT TO COUNCIL 17<sup>th</sup> February 2016

### ENVIRONMENT

1. The recent extended period of wet weather exacerbated drainage problems causing flooding in Stewart Park. Operatives have carried out works in the area to resolve the problems however the area will continue to be monitored to determine if any further works are warranted in the future
2. A number of initiatives were put in place by Middlesbrough Council over the festive period aiming to prevent a repeat of Christmas 2014 when the Coulby Newham 'bring' site was overwhelmed by rubbish.
3. This included increased cleansing, the use of CCTV and advice being supplied to residents by various methods and resulted on the following significant improvements:
  - The amount of waste fly tipped in front of the recycling bins dropped during Christmas 2015, from just over 40 tonnes to just under three tonnes.
  - Due to less rubbish being on the floor, it was easier for residents to access the bins, and for the bins to be emptied.
  - As a consequence of the above actions there was a 10% increase in the amount of material recycled from the site over the festive period.
  - In addition to the above, December saw an extra 120 tonnes of recycled waste taken from kerbside collections across the town wide
4. The Environment Enforcement team have also carried out a number of "Duty of Care" visits to businesses across Middlesbrough to ensure that business owners/managers are storing and disposing of their waste in accordance with their legal obligations.
5. Area Care provided 2 additional street cleansing operatives for the late night shopping evenings 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> to and including 23<sup>rd</sup> December and for the Christmas events that took place in Middlesbrough Town Centre
6. Due to several storms and an increase in high winds there has been an increase in flooding and fallen trees which resulted in several call outs and operatives placed on standby to ensure that affected areas were attended to and made safe immediately.