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Cleaner, Greener & Safer O&S - Cabinet Member for Environment

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Clean it, Cut it, Fill it Campaign

- 3 month pilot starting August 2016
- Additional £150K for the 'clean it, cut it' element
- Restructured team to focus on service areas:
Street Cleansing, parks and green spaces,
major routes grass cutting
- Focus on improved standards of street
cleanliness and increased frequency of grass
cuts in open spaces and along major routes

Progress to Date

- 11 additional barrow beats have been introduced.
- Grays Town Centre has an additional beat and is now covered 6am – 6pm.
- Streets are now cleaned on a 10 day frequency where the new barrow beats have been introduced.
- Grass in parks and open spaces now cut every three weeks.
- In areas not accessible by tractors grass is cut every four weeks.
- Feedback we are receiving tells us the environment in Thurrock is getting back to an acceptable standard.

Key Issues for the Future



- Now we need to start addressing the other ‘Big issues’.
- Need to reduce ‘enviro-crime’ in Thurrock.
- Need to reduce the amount of waste we produce.

Reducing Enviro-Crime

- Additional resources for enforcement, with a focus on fly-tipping and litter.
- Communications campaign explaining littering is a crime and we will fine people.
- Ensure appropriate trade waste arrangements with our local businesses.





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RECYCLE IT

Reducing Waste



- Currently collect 75,000 tonnes of waste a year.
- Current combined waste collection and disposal cost of £12M per year – this can't continue.
- Recycling rate static at around 40% - this needs to be much higher.
- We need to review our waste strategy and address these issues.