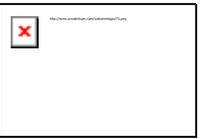


SUSTAINABILITY PORTFOLIO STATEMENT 2014-15

Councillor Paul Barrington-King



1. Portfolio responsibilities

My portfolio contributes to delivering the Council's corporate priorities. In particular, I am responsible for maintaining and enhancing local environmental quality, the protection of public health and community safety.

2. Functions and services

As Portfolio Holder for Sustainability I am responsible for the following service areas, covering a 2013/14 revenue budget of £5,072,390:

- Street Scene (including Waste and Street Cleansing)
- Emergency Planning
- Environmental Health
- Environmental Protection
- Food Hygiene and Health and standards (including Corporate Health and Safety)
- Licensing
- Sustainability
- Contracts
- Community safety
- Drainage & Flooding

I am the Council's Member representative and Chairman of the Kent Resource Partnership, non Executive Director and Board Member of IESE and Chair of the IESE Finance and Performance Committee.

Finally, I have responsibility for a range of key issues and projects including:

- Love Where We Live
- Grot Spots
- Waste and recycling
- Air quality
- Environmental crime
- Clean Kent Campaign

3. Our achievements in 2013-14

- Ran a high profile enforcement campaign to change the behaviour of those people who drop litter and do not clean up after their dogs which saw 32 Fixed Penalty Notices issued for Dog Fouling and 3 Notices for Littering
- Encouraged residents and businesses to reduce their energy consumption and cut their energy costs through the Energy Deal collective switching scheme that saw an average saving of £179 per year for dual fuel direct debit customers and £198 per year for paper billing customers.
- The average percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting increased to 46%
- Gained a silver award in the Royal Horticultural Society's Britain in Bloom campaign and a ran a successful programme locally named 'Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom'
- Tunbridge Wells borough continues to see a reduction in reported crime which now places the borough as the safest place to live in Kent.

4. Key plans and strategies

Specific plans for which I have responsibility:

- The Council's contribution to the Kent Municipal Waste Management Strategy and Kent
- Contaminated Land Strategy
- Air Quality Management Action Plan
- Carbon Management Plan
- Flood Policy Statement
- Licensing Policy
- Environmental Enforcement Policy
- Community Safety Partnership Plan
- Corporate Procurement Strategy
- Emergency Planning Statement

5. Our priorities for 2014 -15

- To develop and undertake works for stage 1 of the public realm enhancements in Royal Tunbridge Wells town centre
- To continue to encourage residents and businesses to reduce their energy consumption and cut their energy costs through the Energy Deal collective switching scheme
- To make progress on the Community Safety Priorities of Theft & Handling; Violent Crime; Domestic Abuse; Anti - Social Behaviour and Road Safety
- Work in partnership to roll out an ECO funded housing retrofit project within the borough, supporting residents to improve the energy efficiency of their homes and implement methods for reducing our energy consumption
- Continue to support the TWITA campaign and work with the Community Safety Partnership to deliver a range of road safety campaigns in the borough.

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