

Stronger Communities Committee

Date: 11th November 2019

Title: Progress on improvements and repairs since last meeting

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Background

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the progress of improvements and repairs since the last meeting.

Trees

The works team have cleared a large tree bow from the footpath at the Lake and Country Park this will be removed completely as soon as the works team have time in the schedule of works.

Bus Shelters

All bus shelters have been cleaned and weeded, broken Perspex has been replaced in both the Newland shelter and the Lower High Street shelter.

Christmas Lights

The Christmas Lights installations have commenced in the areas away from the Market Square and War Memorial. The remaining installations will continue after Remembrance Sunday.

Floral Displays

The Floral displays have now been changed from summer to winter and spring flowers. There is a separate report concerning Church Green beds and Welch Way raised planter bed.

Health and Safety

The Operations and Estates Officer in conjunction with the newly appointed Compliance and Environment Officer will be reviewing the current Terms and Conditions of hire for Events following issues last year with timescales around submitting documentation when requested and the level of PLI required of small stall holders etc. A final draft version is hoped to be provided at the next Stronger Communities meeting for consideration/ratification.

Street Furniture

The works team are in the process of replacing existing litter bins on the Leys Recreation Ground with the new style Recycling litter bins.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report.