

Cleaner and Greener Advisory Committee

Responsibilities and Challenges

June 2023

Finance and Trading

Chief Officer: Adrian Rowbotham

Direct Services (Transportation & Depot Operations)

Head of Direct Services: Trevor Kennett.

Transportation & Depot Operations Manager: James Moultrie

Areas of Responsibility

- Waste Collections
- Recycling Collections
- Fleet Management

Direct Services (Commercial Operations & Trading)

Head of Direct Services: Trevor Kennett. Manager: Richard Taylor

Areas of Responsibility

- Car Parking
- Street Cleaning
- Environmental Enforcement
- Dunbrik Depot
- Parks & Countryside
- Grounds Maintenance
- Markets
- Paid for services:
 - Trade Waste Collection
 - Garden Waste Collection
 - Bulky Waste Collection
 - Cesspool Emptying
 - Pest Control

Direct Services (CCTV & Emergency Plg)

Head of Direct Services: Trevor Kennett

Manager: Sharon Wright

Areas of Responsibility

- CCTV (shared management arrangement with TWBC and TMBC)
- Emergency Planning

Direct Services

Head of Direct Services: Trevor Kennett

Issues and Future Challenges

- High quantities of waste to collect
- Cost of providing the service
- Staff recruitment
- Fleet replacement
- Recycling rates
- Government waste reforms
- Bradbourne Lakes Improvements
- Car Parking
- Commercial income opportunities

Planning and Regulatory Services

Chief Officer: Richard Morris

Environmental Health

Environmental Health Manager: Nick Chapman

Areas of Responsibility

- Food Safety and Hygiene
- Infectious Disease and Outbreak Investigation
- Health and Safety at Work
- Skin Piercing Registration
- Statutory Nuisance, Public Health and Anti-Social Behaviour (Noise, Odour, Dust, Accumulations, Drainage, Pests)
- Planning and Licensing consultations
- Animal Welfare and Licensing
- Stray Dog Service
- Private Water Supplies
- Air Quality
- Contaminated Land
- Environmental Permitting

Environmental Health

Environmental Health Manager: Nick Chapman

Issues and Future Challenges

- Development/ upskilling of staff
- Recruitment and retention of qualified staff + succession planning
- Customer Expectation/ demand for service
- Volume of Planning Consultations
- Business compliance with legal requirements
- Unlicensed animal activities (dog breeders)
- Increasing numbers of stray dogs.
- New Air Quality duties (PM_{2.5})
- Private Water Supply problems/ failure

Licensing

Head of Licensing Partnership: Sharon Bamborough

Areas of Responsibility

- Licensing Partnership with Maidstone BC, Tunbridge Wells BC and LB of Bexley
- Taxi Licensing – Hackney Carriages and Private Hire (Driver and Vehicles Separately Licensed)
- Sale of Alcohol, Provision of Regulated Entertainment and Late Night Refreshment (Pubs, Nightclubs, Restaurants, Cinema, Theatre, Music Festivals etc) – Includes Permanent and Temporary Licences.
- Gambling Premises – (Betting Shops, Bingo Halls, Tracks, Amusement Arcades but NOT Online Gambling)
- Sex Establishments – (Sex Shop, Sex Cinemas and Sex Encounter Premises)
- Charity Collections
- Animal Welfare Licensing (Boarding of Dogs/Cats and Breeding of Dogs; Selling Pets; Riding Establishments etc.
- Scrap Metal Dealers
- Licensing Policies
- Licensing Hearings

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Issues and Future Challenges

- Balancing the Needs of Four Authorities With Similar Timetables on Fee Reviews, Policy Reviews and Performance Monitoring
- Exploring the Possibilities of Other New Partners Joining/Expanding the Partnership
- Review of Procedures and Practises
- Changes in Legislation.