

STATEMENT BY COUNCILLOR ANDREW BACKHOUSE CABINET MEMBER FOR TECHNICAL SERVICES, HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS MANAGEMENT AND COASTAL AND FLOOD DEFENCES

Highways, Traffic and Transportation

Since the turn of the new year, the Highways Team have been fully employed on dealing with the deterioration of road surfaces in the aftermath of the prolonged and harsh winter weather.

I have approved **temporary road closure orders and traffic management measures** for highway resurfacing works on Scalby Beck Road/Tibby Butts, Station Road, Scalby, Weapონness Park and Ramsey Street.

In addition utility works on Princess Street and other works on Wooler Street have been facilitated.

Work has commenced on some minor signalling improvements at the junction of Foreshore Road and Eastborough which has been coordinated to be carried out at the same time as utilities work in Eastborough.

Street lighting improvement works have recently been completed at North Leas Avenue/Newlands Park Drive and similar works have commenced at Colescliffe Crescent.

Highways Agency Termination

The project management of the termination of the Highways Agency is continuing and I am assured that progress towards the 1 April 2011 handover is good. There has been a further meeting with Borough and County Councillors since my last report and we have agreed with the County Council a public communication strategy so that the handover is as seamless as possible.

Service Level Agreements between the Borough Council and the County Council in respect of CCTV coverage and Horticultural Services are being drawn up and will be in place by 1 April 2011.

The County Council will be utilising the Dean Road Depot for several months pending completion of its new depot at the Scarborough Business Park.

Projects Management

Coastal Change Adaptation Pathfinder (Knipe Point Relocation) - At present this matter is ongoing. Officers are considering the planning conditions, financial implications and convenience for residents, of a number of alternate relocation sites in the Scarborough area for those residents who qualify under the Pathfinder initiative.

Environmental Services

Waste Management

I am pleased to report that throughout the bad weather in December and the holiday season the refuse collection service managed to maintain a regular collection from

households and commercial premises. The new collection rounds established in October 2010 have now fully bedded in and are achieving the predicted efficiency gains.

The expansion of the recycling service to include mixed plastics is also reaping benefits with approximately 40 tonnes of mixed plastics being collected since November.

The collection of electrical items in partnership with R B Markets continues to operate well with around 15 tonnes of electronic equipment being reused or recycled each month. Although R B Markets will collect small electrical items we are setting up three small electrical item collection points where such items can be dropped of at any time. The sites are at Sainsburys in Scarborough, Tescos in Filey and West Cliff in Whitby.

Staff from Cleansing Services and Parks and Countryside are working together towards the establishment of the new merged service which will become operational from the 1 April 2011. The merger of these services should reap further efficiencies in the delivery of Council services.

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