



Councillor Tim Grogan, Executive Member for Health & Culture

Report to Council on 27 September 2022

Environmental Services

The Executive approved not to re-tender the Environmental Services Contract and transfer to in house upon contract expiry as part of the transition to a single service for NYC.

The capital investment to improve play facilities in the Selby District has resulted in the award of a contract to improve 4 play areas: Petre Avenue and Volta Street, Selby; Parkland Drive and Woodlands, Tadcaster. It is hoped that the work will be completed before the end of the financial year.

Visitor Economy

Work on the Food & Drink improvement plan is ongoing and engagement via the Heart of Yorkshire website and social media channels continues to grow. Blogs on autumn activity and Halloween will be added in September.

Cultural Development Framework

The Heritage Interpretation Masterplan and Public Art Plan are nearing completion. The Barlby Road artist research project is complete and concept designs have been presented. The artists used a variety of consultation methods to hear the stories of people who had worked at BOCM, culminating in "The Last Dance" in Selby Park, which was a recreation of BOCM's last dance in the 1950s. The event included 40 children from the Theatre & Dance Academy, a swing band and an old-time dance group, with beer provided by the Jolly Sailor. More than 275 people attended at Selby Abbey.

Artist Katayoun Dowlatshahi is working with the landscape architects to develop the final designs for Selby Station plaza and the entrance to Selby Park.

Artist Chris Tipping has begun work on designs for public artwork at Tadcaster bus station, emphasising Tadcaster's rich heritage.

Selby Stories, the High Street Heritage Action Zone Cultural Programme, has had artists engaging the community with their heritage stories:

- Serena Partridge has added works to her installation in the Abbey and delivered a workshop
- Writer Sarah Butler has held a stall at the Market where she has collected 83 stories as well as delivering a number of creative writing workshops. These

will be shared through physical installations in the town and an interactive map.

- Wizard Keen's new Block Party (Minecraft) featured on Look North and over 90 children attended his drop-in at the Abbey.
- Ed Kluz has developed designs for a project putting his work on scaffolding shrouds.

Regulatory Services

Licensing

Licensing Security and Vulnerability Initiative (SAVI) has enabled two licensing premises to achieve accreditation for the pilot Licensing scheme run with North Yorkshire Police.

Hackney Carriage Fare increase: the Executive have agreed to a formal consultation in terms of Hackney Carriage fares. This will run from the 8 September to 22 September 2022. If there are no objections the new fare will commence on the 1 October 2022. If objections are received the Executive will need to agree a way forward.

Environmental Health

Environmental Health undertook routine interventions, conducting 161 food hygiene inspections. This included 46 newly registered businesses, each receiving valuable advice.

In June the Council provided its yearly report to the Department for Environmental Food & Rural Affairs addressing requirements under the Environment Act 1995. It received a positive response recognising work completed in respect of Air Quality Management undertaken in the district and concluded that processes were well structured and detailed, providing information specified in the guidance. Amongst other detail it stated:

"...the Council has provided a detailed and extensive summary of progress against the Air Quality Action Plan measures. This demonstrates the Council's dedication to improving air quality."

Enforcement

General enforcement work undertaken is as follows:

52	FPN's issued since 01/04/21 (1 issued since the last report)
25	Littering
18	Fly Tipping
7	Household disposal
2	Commercial Waste

Enforcement currently has 3 fly tipping cases pending court action and continues to work with partner agencies targeting littering and fly tipping. Urbaser and the SDC

Contracts team are also encouraging residents to appropriately dispose of their rubbish and unwanted items. This work has included leaflet drops and face to face meetings within Selby town.

Advice has also been given to private landowners and Parish Councils on how they might try to secure their land to discourage illegal encampments and fly tipping.

8 encampments were reported in the district since the last report in June.

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