

## SCRUTINY PROGRESS MONITORING REPORT ON: REVIEW OF LOCKING OF PARK GATES

Progress report on Ref: CCO1 of the Scrutiny Monitoring Form.

To provide progress in implementing recommendation of the Community, Customer and Organisations Scrutiny Committee on the Review of Locking of Park Gates.

**Recommendation :**

That the Executive Member for Environment be recommended to carry out a review of the decision to stop locking the park gates at night and to consider whether this may have led to the increase in anti-social behaviour and criminal damage and all the associated costs; and that the Crime and Disorder (Community, Customer and Organisation) Committee be provided with the details of the outcome of the review and the cost benefit analysis. (CC&OSC – 8.01.15. Minute No. 35)

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility / Implementation by:</b>	<b>Resources Needed / Available</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Achievement / Completed</b>
As recommendation.	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing  Environmental Services Manager	Existing resources.	July 2015  Sep 2015	Issues being addressed and ongoing monitoring taking place.  We are continuing to monitor the impact of not locking some of our parks. As the full summer season has not completed its cycle at the time of writing this report full analysis is not yet available and will be reported in November.  Direct action has been taken to resolve an increase in ASB at Eastwood Park. Whilst this increase cannot be completely attributed to the change in the locking regime (particularly as this has corresponded with action being taken by the local school to divert ASB from their adjacent field) it seems clear that the change in policy has contributed to

			<p>increased levels of vandalism and other ASB.</p> <p>Members and Officers of the Council met with the Police and other stakeholders to determine the best course of action. At this meeting Councillor Ludlow determined to re-instate for a trial period the locking of the gates at this site.</p> <p>Increased activity by the Police has ensued and the issues at Eastwood have significantly decreased. However there are indications that the ASB has been displaced on to other land that we are responsible for and this needs to be monitored. The results of this monitoring will be reported in November.</p> <p>It should be noted that the re-instatement is a trial and that a more sustainable way of managing potential and actual ASB should be found.</p> <p>Officers are currently considering the installation of self- closing lockable gates and working with community volunteers (As is the case at Stand Road) to ensure access is secured at night. It must also be noted that access can be restricted but not prevented at this site.</p> <p>Further information regarding the future sustainable options for Eastwood will be</p>
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