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Dear Councillor

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - MONDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2019

Please find enclosed a copy of the questions and responses considered at the meeting of the Place Scrutiny Committee held on Monday, 28th January, 2019..

Yours faithfully

Tim Row Principal Committee Officer





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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Place Scrutiny Meeting – Monday, 28th January 2019

Question 1 from Mr Webb to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure

Question

In Westborough Ward the annual checks of environment takes place in November/December 2018.

Question - How many defects of pavements, potholes, lighting, pavements were found and when will they be fixed?

<u>Answer</u>

For the period 01 Nov 2018 to 31 Dec 2018, data from Symology shows:

The number of Carriageway Potholes recorded was 26

- 18 of which have been repaired
- Of the remaining 8:
 - 1 was risk assessed and assigned a priority response of within 28 days. This defect will be due for repair on or before the 15th February 2019.
 - 7 were risk assessed and assigned a priority response of 'Next available programme/inspection'. These defects will instead be re visited and planned into a wider scheme of the area or repaired as and when they hit intervention level.

The number of Footway Potholes recorded was 3

- 2 of which have been repaired
- The remaining 1 was risk assessed and assigned a priority response of 'Next available programme/inspection'

The number of 'Other' Footway defects was 42

- 18 of which have been repaired
- Of the remaining 24:
 - 2 were risk assessed and assigned a priority response of within 28 days. These defects will be due for repair on or before the 15th February 2019.
 - 22 of which were risk assessed and assigned a priority of 'Next available programme/inspection'

The number of Lighting defects was 4

- Three have been repaired.
- The remaining 1 identified defect was risk assessed and assigned a priority of 'Next available programme/inspection'

Question 2 from Mr Webb to the Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities & Wellbeing:

Question

How many children took part and completed the Summer Reading scheme 2018 in each separate library of the Mischief and Imagination. Will this happen next year and how will they promote both schemes?

Answer:

| Library | Number |
|--------------|----------|
| | of |
| | Children |
| The Forum | 613 |
| Leigh | 543 |
| Westcliff | 326 |
| Southchurch | 314 |
| Shoeburyness | 416 |
| Kent Elms | 346 |

The Reading Scheme and Imagination will run through the Summer holidays – dates to be confirmed. Recruitment for volunteers and the challenge itself will be promoted both in local schools and in the community – youth groups, U3A groups etc., for volunteers and in children's centres, shops, community centres and on social media for the actual challenges. Additional promotion being considered this year are bus stops and large banners at the parks.

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