

# Place Scrutiny Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016

## Public Questions

### **Question 1 from Mr David Webb to the Portfolio Holder for Enterprise, Tourism and Economic Development**

Westborough Community Association has spent £500 and 7 months in tidying the back garden of Westcliff Library garden which the library users have enjoyed (April – October 2016). Question: Can an outside water stand pipe be put in the back of the garden in the next few weeks before the upgrade of the changes to the library in November so the plants can be watered during this period when the library is closed as the plants need to regularly water to grow and stay alive?

### **Answer**

The Council is planning to refurbish Westcliff Library in January 2017. Following consultations with the Community Association an outside tap and power point have been included in the plans for the refurbishment.

### **Question 2 from Mr Webb to the Portfolio Holder for Traffic, Waste and Cleansing**

Since changing to a four day week collection in Southend has there been a reduction or increase in the tons of black bags or pink bags?

### **Answer**

I can advise that the amount of residual or black sack waste collected in April 2016 (last month before roll out) was approximately 3,400 tonne compared to what was collected in August 2016 (first month after roll out) which was approximately 3,000 tonne so there has been a decrease in this stream of waste.

The amount of dry recycling (pink bags) for the month preceding the roll out, April 16, recorded approximately 1500 tonnes collected. The data for the month after the roll out, August 2016 has not yet been confirmed but indicative figures show approximately 1500 tonnes (including paper and card from the new recycling scheme) so there has been no change in this stream. However, this is very early data following the roll out of the new service and the council would expect to see an increase going forward.