

# GROUNDNEWS

Grounds Maintenance, Trees & Parks Services Re-procurement – 15 Oct 2007, Issue 3

**Welcome to Issue 3 of GroundNews. In this issue we'd like to introduce you to the members of the Project Steering Group and explain how you can give your feedback.**

## Project Management

Because of the size and significance of this Grounds Maintenance Re-procurement project, a Steering Group has been formed to oversee and guide the progress of the project through to completion.

In addition, a Project Team, looking at the day-to-day running of the process, has been established, and also a number of smaller sub-groups set up to look at specific aspects and more technical areas. These include:

- Grounds Maintenance and Trees – considering the technical issues surrounding the contract, such as addressing the effects of climate change
- Street Scene – liaison with Environmental Services and Highways Departments

There has been a lot of behind-the-scenes activity with the various groups meeting regularly to help formulate the direction for the project, and contribute towards the overall grounds maintenance procurement strategy.

Membership of the Steering Group has been drawn from within Parks & Nature Conservation providing specialist knowledge and direct expertise, and also representatives from other stakeholder departments within the council. These include Constituencies, Housing, HR, Procurement, Highways, Legal, Finance and several others who are internal service purchasers.

If you have an issue which you would like to discuss concerning the project, please feel free to get in touch with the Steering Group member who best represents your area of interest. The Steering Group meets monthly and your views can either be addressed in this forum, or referred to a more appropriate point.

## Steering Group Membership

The Steering Group members are:

Sharon Lea	Director of Leisure & Culture
Penny Smith	Assistant Director Leisure & Support Services
Ann Wood	Head of Parks
Jerry Cummins	Contract Services
Mike Smith	Procurement Services
Ann Conroy	Development and Culture HR
Ian Coghill	Director of Community Safety
Dave Green	Head of Fleet and Waste Management
Ifor Jones	Acting Director of Constituencies
Brett Willers	Constituency Director
Ineth Brown	Property Service Assistant Adults & Communities
Carl Hides	Senior Policy Officer - Housing
John Jamison	Housing Officer
Steve King	Senior Area Team Mgr, Children Young People and Families
Neil Dancer	Chief Highways Engineer
Paul O'Day	Highways Network Manager
Paul Quinney	Head of Finance Local Services
Rick Powell	Bereavement Services Manager
Rob Barker	Principal Solicitor
Simon Cooper	Constituency Parks Manager

## Forthcoming Activity

Over the next few months, our focus will be on getting all the details of the project approved through Cabinet, which is due to consider the Business Case at the end of November. As promised in our first issue, we will produce further copies of GroundNews when we are able to report more to you, so look out for our next issue with the results of the Cabinet decision in early December.

## More Information

If you'd like more information on this project, you can now contact us by email at [groundnews@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:groundnews@birmingham.gov.uk) – we'd like to hear from you!

