

ENVIRONMENT REPORT

AGENDA ITEM No. 7

MEETING: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 25th NOVEMBER 2020

REPORT BY: WORKS AND ENVIRONMENT MANAGER

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to bring Members up to date regarding Environment items.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Works Section have been working on the following Autumn tasks within the environmental areas:

- I. Grass cutting has continued into mid November due to the mild weather.
- II. Collection of fallen leaves at Stephenson Way and West Cemeteries.
- III. Completing the planting out of winter flower displays.
- IV. Cutting of hedges around various sites including Stephenson Way and West cemeteries.
- V. Lifting overhanging branches around green spaces.
- VI. Maintenance of damaged/and/or diseased trees particularly within Woodham Burn, South Agnew Plantation and Cobblers Hall Plantation.
- VII. Stump grinding at West Cemetery.
- VIII. Maintenance of various rose beds including at the Oakleaf Sports Complex.
- IX. Fencing repairs on Simpasture Nature Walk and Woodham Burn at Burn Lane.
- X. Footpath creation at Cobblers Hall plantation.
- XI. Path maintenance and removal of scrub encroaching on footpath at Byerley Park Nature Reserve.

2.2 It has been noted that youths are using ball bearing type weapons to shoot wildlife at Aycliffe Nature Park. Police and DCC enforcement team aware of situation.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended that Members receive the report.

Works and Environment Manager.