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SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

4 November 2026

Officer: Stuart Farmer – Operations Manager

STREET CLEANING TEAM UPDATE

Purpose

To update the Council the work and implementation of the Street Cleaning Team.

Road Sweeping Areas

The Town centre continues to be swept on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This involves predominantly using the smaller sweeper apart from a morning to clear any waste from the weekend. This has allowed the larger sweeper to concentrate closer on the estate and main arterial routes. Below is listed some of the areas that have been swept by both machines.

A route of the road sweeping was shared at the previous meeting and since then, the following routes have now been swept:

- South Hermitage
- Oakley Street
- London road
- Kingston Drive
- Salcombe Drive
- Sutton Road
- Sutton Way
- Tilstock Cresent
- Rowton Road
- Roman Road
- Pritchard Way
- Hazeldine Way
- Mytton Oak Road
- Carlton Close
- Whitecroft Road
- Walton Road
- Sutton Lane
- Primrose Drive
- Adams Ridge
- Reabrook Avenue
- Rocke Street
- Oteley Road
- Hereford road
- Thieves Lane
- Battlefield Road
- Welshpool Road

- Winterton Way
- Shelton Road
- Gains Park Way
- Wenlock Road
- Whitchurch Road
- Featherbed Lane
- Sundorne Road
- Telford Way
- Lancaster road
- Old Potts Way
- Haycock Way
- Abbey Foregate
- Greyfriars Road
- Swiss Farm Road
- Kingswood road
- Racecourse Lane
- Merlin Road
- Larkhill Road
- Winterton Way
- Somerby Drive
- Gains Avenue
- Crowmeole Drive
- Rad valley road
- Oakfield Drive
- Chester Street
- Castle Foregate
- Oxon Park and Ride
- Harlescott Park and Ride
- Monkmoor Road

Please note that wherever possible these are mainly the main roads listed and that side roads have been swept with either the large or smaller sweeper.

The first complete cycle of sweeping across the town has now been completed and the sweepers will start the cycle again. It is worth noting that this second pass will include leaf clearance which fill the sweepers quickly meaning more trips to the recycling centre. If the sweeper is in the area and has made a start but filled, it will return at the earliest opportunity to complete the sweep. If there are areas that have been missed during this initial cycle, please inform the Operations Manager who will ensure they are picked up in the future.

Tipping rates

The tipping rates for September were as follows:

- Road Sweepings – 82 Tonnes
- Litter bin emptying and waste removal – 29 Tonnes

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Emptying of Bins

Bin emptying routines have been established and appear to be meeting the requirements of the service. This is not to say that the occasional bin doesn't sometime reach capacity, but this is somewhat covered in the paragraph below.

Areas of high footfall are emptied on a very regular basis and should a report of an overflowing bin be received, it is actioned immediately.

Bin Replacement Programme

The first delivery of replacement bins has arrived at Weeping Cross depot with some of the key double bin replacements already installed in the following locations:

- Castle Walk
- Pride Hill (replacement of a damaged bin)
- The Dana





Single bins will also be installed to replace either broken or missing bins such as the missing bin from Copthorne Park. A list of replacement bin requirements is being put together, and they will be replaced over the next few months.

Residents and Businesses using street litter bins.

This remains an issue across the Town with several bins being filled by either household or shop keepers waste on a regular basis. It is hoped that this will decrease once the bins have been replaced as the biggest issue appears to be with the open top concrete bins which allow the waste to be dropped in. This will not be an option with the replacements due to the letter box style opening.

Evidence is still being gathered, and the Operations Manager will continue to work with Shropshire Council regarding a solution for this, however any solution will rely on Shropshire Council as the prosecuting authority.

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Leaf Fall

With Autumn coming, Shrewsbury Town Council are conscious of leaf fall season and discussions are currently ongoing regarding the sweeping capacity with regards to leaves.
All leaf clearance will be completed using a combination of the street cleaning team and the stepping up team but will lead with the street sweeper. This will include removal from all surfaces including cycle paths and public footpaths alongside residential streets.

The Operations Manager has had conversations with Dawson group who supply the sweepers but has also made contact with a road sweeping contractor who can provide a sweeper and an operator to complete these tasks on the council's behalf. It is proposed that the contractor shall be tasked during heavy leaf fall to assist with the clearance as this will allow sweepers currently under lease by the Council to remain operational during this busy period.

Staff training

Staff have been continuing with their training since the previous meeting and have recently completed Sharps Awareness training which is focused on hypodermic needles and drug paraphernalia including safe handling and disposal.

Public Feedback

The team continues to receive positive feedback from the public for the works being carried and overall, it is seen as a positive change since Shrewsbury Town Council starting this service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the contents of the report are noted.