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Dear Ash

Motions regarding fly posting and street cleansing

Thank you for your two letters dated 22 September 2023 regarding the Motions passed by Felixstowe Town Council at its meeting held on 6 September 2023.

East Suffolk Council acknowledges Felixstowe Town's Council's disappointment with the current standard of cleansing in Felixstowe. East Suffolk Council recognises that this is an area for improvement and at a meeting of its own Full Council on 22 September 2023, a Motion was passed in relation to the establishment of a Task and Finish Group, led by Councillors, to focus on the type of concerns the Town Council has raised. In tandem, we are also running two pilot projects in Felixstowe and Lowestoft where new equipment and more concentrated resources will be used and we are working to the DEFRA standards you have referred to. These standards are outcome based; the frequency will be as often as it takes to meet the agreed standards.

You will be aware of Suffolk County Council's policy change in relation to the spraying of weeds which has caused widespread issues in terms of weed growth. As a result, a more intensive street cleansing regime (and its associated costs) has fallen to us, as the District Council. A 13 week sweeping programme may not be sufficient to address weed growth but is, in itself, not an insignificant increase on the current 17 week sweeping schedule that we operate. However, we recognise that street cleansing must improve, as demonstrated by the Motion passed at our September meeting and the Task and Finish Group that has subsequently been established. This will not happen overnight and, of course, you will appreciate the significant resource implications.

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We will be looking to work in partnership to improve the standard of cleanliness and look forward to working with the Town Council, particularly in relation to identifying problem areas where issues around street cleansing, fly posting, litter and dog fouling are more prevalent. In addition, we are seeking to establish quarterly meetings with representatives of the Town Council to review progress of the pilot and the wider Task and Finish Group work. As you know, these discussions are already underway.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bally', with a stylized, flowing script.

Chris Bally | Chief Executive
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