



**PRESENTATION TO  
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY  
MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**



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# Purpose of Briefing

- Issues addressed from last briefing
- Successes since last briefing
- Procurement of new Contract
- Future Considerations



# Issues Addressed from Last Briefing

- **Concerns / Issues Raised:**
- Flexibility of cuts - verges / open spaces / sports pitches
- Partnership approach to introduce “friends of” scheme to build on “adopt a street”
- Grass collection will form part of the new regime in some areas to prevent unsightly accumulations
- Long grass regimes will not affect highway drainage systems
- Specific Contract machinery would be too prescriptive but tenderers would be asked for suggestions and marked accordingly



# Update from Last Briefing

- Cleaner & Greener Team formed 9<sup>th</sup> March
- Robust management of current Contract
  - Flexibility around cutting regimes
  - Ability to utilise resources on other functions
- Worked in partnership with sports pitch users
  - Ensure quality of surface doesn't affect usage
  - Closer working relationship with users



# Successes since last Briefing

- Variable cutting regime
- Wild flower areas
- Increased biodiversity
- Positive feedback from users - 20 + compliments



# Successes since last Briefing

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# Successes since last Briefing

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# Procurement of new Contract

- Outcome based Contract
- Not prescriptive on inputs but judged on outcomes
- Proactive on low level vegetation
- Competitive tender process with upper cap
- Joint procurement with RBW&M
- Contract starts 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 (10.5 years)
- Flexibility to meet challenges
- 21 key tasks





# Future Considerations

- Devolution
- Meeting new demands
- Flexibility
- Partnership working
- Managing resources
- Customer requirements





# Questions

