

Latest News



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Welcome to our second newsletter for employees likely to transfer to Ansa Environmental Services Limited.

Late last month I had the pleasure of meeting many of you in person once again as we held our briefings for staff and began consulting you regarding your potential transfer from the Council to the new Company. This is a really exciting time for us all and I want to keep you informed and involve as many of you as possible in taking things forward. As always, you were a lively bunch and I hope you left our briefings with answers to a few of your burning questions.

How you can find out more

For those of you who couldn't make the sessions, we have drawn up a **Question & Answer sheet** about what you can expect from the transfer to the new Company. Your line managers will make sure that copies of these are left in restrooms and on notice-boards going forward. We will carry on adding to this sheet whenever we are asked a question in case there are others who are also wondering about the same things.

Letter and Meetings

We are also **happy to meet with you** either individually or in smaller groups, to discuss how the proposed transfer will affect you. You will shortly receive a **letter** from the Council about this and there will be a **tear off slip** for you to complete to let us know how you would like to meet with us.

Stakeholder Groups

In our last newsletter, I talked about setting up **Stakeholder Groups** and I mentioned this at our briefings too. We really want and need your ideas and suggestions for taking things forward and that doesn't just mean how the transfer happens but more importantly, how we can work better together in the future. We are hoping the first group will meet at some point in the week starting 11 November 2013. We want Ansa to be as successful as possible and we won't achieve that without you so if you are willing to get involved, please contact Ruth O'Brien on 01625 383847 or by email at ruth.obrien@cheshireeast.gov.uk





Cllr David Topping



Cllr John Hammond



Cllr Roger West



On-going Councillor involvement in Ansa

Three of our Councillors were also at the Briefings – Councillor David Topping, Portfolio Holder for Environment, and two of our new Directors for Ansa, Councillors John Hammond and Roger West. They were impressed by the wide range of different skills and abilities you have across the services within Waste & Recycling, Fleet, Streetscape, Grounds Maintenance and Development of our parks and play areas. We will need all of these skills and more within the new Company and all of them are equally valuable.

Some service news

North West in Bloom Competition: Judging criteria include: horticultural excellence; community involvement; environmental friendliness and sustainability and reflect our support of volunteers as well as work we deliver. Awards included Gold and best in category for Nantwich (town) and Congleton (large town). Congleton have been nominated to represent the North West in the National competition next year. Well done to everyone.

Much needed depot and fleet investment agreed

We also have cabinet approval to get new fleet for the Waste and Recycling elements of the service and we are expecting to invest £3M in 2014/15. We are also planning to install in-cab technology which should help manage logistics, minimise missed bins and any claims from the public.

We are also planning to invest in the depot at Pyms Lane improving welfare facilities and extending our Waste Transfer Facility. We also plan to invest in a Waste Transfer Facility and depot in the North. This will enable us to do more of our own waste bulking, rather than relying on external suppliers; giving ourselves a greater opportunity to trade. It's all very exciting. We will provide you with further updates as these projects progress. Really looking forward to coming on the journey with you and listening to your ideas and feedback.

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