Vanbrugh Park Estate Residents Committee: Waste Management Meeting

20/11/25, 19.00 St John's Church, Stratheden Rd SE3 7PX

Attendees

Committee: Laura Cade, Gill Fairbanks, Jackie Duckworth, Hannah Mugenyi

Residents: Duncan Brown, Carl Parsons

Council Officers: Sarah Rogers – Senior waste advisor, Sarah Price – Waste advisor

Ward councillors: Christine St Mathew-Daniel

Estate bin chambers

Sarah P conducted walk around of VPE this week, then further walk around with Sarah R & Danielle (caretaker)

Discussions focused on achieving the following:

- Each chamber had one type of waste
- Chambers are clearly labelled
- Number of designated black/ blue bin reflects usage
- Increase collection of blue bins where it is not possible to add further bins
- No bins left outside of bin chambers

Sarah P has details of agreed plan which will be trailed and can be adapted if it is not working

Large items & small electrical waste

- Establish when larger items are collected from outside caretakers' office and communicate to collect residents asking them to only put stuff there just before collection
- No small electrical waste collection at the moment but this is something that is being discussed council wide

Westcombe Court

- Chutes now blocked up because of misuse
- Need more recycling collection

Food/ Garden waste

 Asked about separate food waste bins. Advised that this is not possible now future legislation is likely to lead to changes in garden/ food waste handling and require food & garden waste to be separated.

Communication with residents

- VPERA will need to communicate to residents to ensure people know where the correct bins are and when collections take place
- Sarah's team can do a mailing to all residents with details of collection times & what they can offer including issuing free bin caddis & recycling chamber keys & recycling bags for life

Lights & caretaking

- 13 lights not working have been reported to council & caretakers. LC has sent photos to CSMD
- Some lights are on constantly at the moment
- Sarah R will pass on LC's details to Julia Craig (Caretaking lead supervisor) and ask her to contact her

Other Issues – update from CMSD

- Meetings are taking place with Peabody regarding antisocial which has increased again
- No update on when work might start on Westcombe court
- LC asked that the scaffolding is being checked weekly as is legally required