

29th November 2018

Cllr Emma Adams
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Dear Councillor Adams,

Thank you for your letter of the 10th October 2018.

As you will be aware the Parish Sweeper scheme was an additional service offered which was only taken up by 35% of parishes across the area. Unfortunately due to the continued financial pressures we had to take a difficult decision to end the scheme. However this has not reduced our statutory duties to deliver a core cleansing service across the whole area. This was set out in an attachment to my original letter. I have attached again the details of the core service.

Over the past year we have continued to work with parishes to come up with the fairest way to transition this service. In addition to the direct correspondence with all the parishes, we have also had lengthy discussions at every Parish Liaison meeting since October 2017 and Parish representatives took part in a working group that worked up the proposal for a phased reduced. This was fed back at the Parish Liaison meeting on the 30th May.

I appreciate the time you have taken to raise your concerns about the scheme and I hope that this letter has provided some reassurances.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course to confirm whether Batheaston Parish Council will consider the offer set out in my original letter.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Paul Myers
Cabinet Member Economic and Community Regeneration