AGENDA ITEM 37

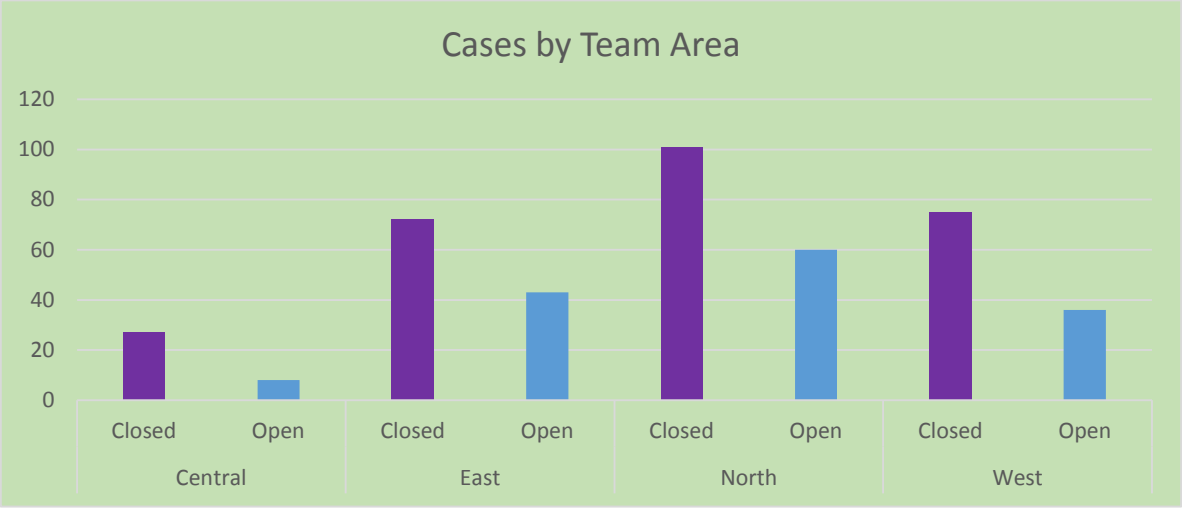
Untidy Gardens Project

The untidy gardens project has been going since the beginning of January 2019. At the start of the project there were a total of 74 open untidy garden cases spread across each of the area housing teams. As a result of many further area inspections and more case referrals, the number of untidy garden cases has risen to 422 (as of the date of this brief).

By writing to, visiting and otherwise positively engaging with tenants, the number of cases the team has managed to close currently stands at 275, which is 65% of the overall untidy garden cases referred to the team.

*pictures of before & after in a Moulsecoomb garden

Cases across the City



Central (Hanover & Elm Grove, Queens Park)

- 8 open / 27 closed

East (East Brighton, Woodingdean)

- 43 open / 72 closed

North (Moulsecoomb & Bevendean, Hollingdean & Stanmer, Hollingbury, Coldean, Patcham)

- 60 open / 101 closed

West (Hangleton & Knoll, North Portslade, South Portslade, Westbourne, Withdean, Preston Park)

- 36 open / 75 Closed

*pictures of before & after in a Hangleton garden

Moving forward

The untidy gardens project will continue to run throughout 2019/2020. The aim of the project is not only to improve the look and feel of our neighbourhoods, but to encourage and promote a change in culture, so that tenants feel empowered to look after their environment.

A great deal of the work to clear and tidy gardens has been done by tenants themselves; however, the project has also been able to assist many vulnerable tenants across the city by having their gardens cleared and tidied for them.

This work has not been intended as a “quick fix”, but rather as an aid to help tenants reclaim control of their outdoor spaces, and ultimately give them an opportunity to keep to the terms of their tenancy agreement, with regards to their gardens.

To report an untidy garden, contact Housing Customer Services on 01273 293030 or email: housing.customerservices@brighton-hove.gov.uk

*Pictures of before & after in Whitehawk gardens