

<b>CABINET</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 8</b>
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**TASK AND FINISH GROUP REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE AMEY STREET CLEANSING CONTRACT**

RECOMMENDATIONS	
<b>FROM: Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital, Street Cleansing Task and Finish Group</b>	<b>Deadline date: N/A</b>
That Cabinet consider the recommendations of the Street Cleansing Task and Finish Group Final Report ( <b>Appendix 1</b> ).	

**1. ORIGIN OF REPORT**

1.1 This report is submitted to Cabinet following consideration by the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee on the 25 October 2016.

**2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

2.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain the views of Cabinet following a review of the Street Cleansing elements within the Amey Contract.

2.2 Recommendation 5 (Hit Squad), has a range of options with varying financial implications. It should be noted that that all options could respond to cleansing incidents, however if the option was taken to only have a barrow beat they would be limited to being purely on foot. All other options would allow the teams to be fully mobile and if a caged 3.5t vehicle was opted for they could also respond to fly tipping.

2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.3 'to take a leading role in promoting the economic, environmental and social well-being of the area'.

**3. TIMESCALE**

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If Yes, date for relevant Cabinet Meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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**4. KEY ISSUES**

4.1 Please refer to Appendix 1 - Task and Finish Group Street Cleansing Final Report

**5. CONSULTATION**

5.1 Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny 25 October 2016.

## **6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES**

- 6.1 If the recommendations from the report are taken forwards, those that have no monetary value can be implemented using current resourcing. Recommendations 5 and 11 need financial input, and if Cabinet were minded to approve these would then require integration as part of phase 2 of the budget and will be subject to consultation and approval by full council in March.
- 6.2 If all recommendations are successfully implemented it is expected this will have a positive impact on the current levels of litter within the City. However the financial implications of this will need to be considered..

## **7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The recommendations put forward as part of the report are made as a result of the formation of a cross party Street Cleansing Task and Finish Group review of current cleansing standards. The Task and Finish Group viewed the current equipment available for Amey to use and looked at the intensity classifications for cleansing of all the streets within the review.
- 7.2 The Task and Finish Group are aware that Amey are currently meeting their contractual standards and that further consideration needs to be given to enhancements, education, and enforcement to improve the service further.

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 The option to retain the current Street Cleansing standards was considered by the Task and Finish Group when producing their report, it was felt that this would not be an acceptable outcome for residents.

## **9. IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial**

- 9.1 The report contains 3 elements that carry financial implications, that if approved will need to go into phase 2 of the budget to be discussed through Budget Working Group and public consultation, finally being ratified by Full Council in March 2017. The financial implications range from £144,000 - £208,000
- 9.2 The report contains the four different financial options for the potential hit squad as follows. The Group did not express a preference between these options .
- £72k Two person team (driver and operator) and 3.5t caged vehicle;
  - £93k Three person team ( driver and 2 operators) and 3.5t caged vehicle;
  - £86k Mechanical sweeper with driver and operator; and
  - £29k Barrow beat / lengthsman.
- 9.3 The financial implications for increased street cleansing on areas close to the city centre would be:
- To cleanse streets within North and South Gladstone with a mechanical sweeper with driver & operative - £86,000 per annum;
  - To have a daily presence on Lincoln road through a Lengthsman - £29,000 per annum.

## **Legal**

- 9.3 The changes being proposed to the Amey contract are:
- a) An increase in frequency of certain tasks which Amey is already contracted to perform; and
  - b) Reinstatement of the Hit Squad.
- 9.4 These changes to the Amey contract would be formalised through the contractual Change Control process to vary the current contract.

## **10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

- 10.1 Environment Protection Act –  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/attachment\\_data/file/221087/pb11577b-cop-litter.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/attachment_data/file/221087/pb11577b-cop-litter.pdf)

## **11. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Task and Finish Group Street Cleansing Final Report

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