

**DECISION TITLE: Daily cleanse around Gladstone Street and nearby streets including a two person hit squad.**

**Councillor Gavin Elsey, Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene**

**May 2017**

**Deadline date: May 2017**

Cabinet portfolio holder:	Councillor Elsey, Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene
Responsible Director:	John Harrison, Executive Director, Resources
Is this a Key Decision?	YES KEY/01MAY17/05
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO
Is this a project and if so has it been registered on Verto?	NO

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cabinet Member is recommended to:

Approve changes to the street cleansing service to include – lengthsman in Millfield, daily sweeper in the Gladstone area and a two hit squad, at a cost of £187,000 approved in the 2017/18 budget.

### 1. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

1. This report is submitted to the Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene to approve the service changes following budget decisions in respect of services provided by Amey (formerly Enterprise Managed Services) under a contract relating to the delivery of the

street cleansing function.

## 2. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

2.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene to consider, exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.6 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio at paragraph (d).

## 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. DETAILS OF DECISION REQUIRED

4.1 On 8 March 2017 Council agreed to provide £187,000 additional revenue for the street cleansing budget for the Amey contract as part of the council budget for 2017/18.

4.2 The decision followed recommendations made by a task and finish group which was set up in October 2016 by the Sustainable Growth and Environmental Capital Scrutiny Committee to consider current littering issues across the city. The group proposed many recommendations that carried a non-monetary value, however the three recommendations proposed in this decision notice, outlined below, require additional investment.

4.2 This Cabinet Member Decision Notice proposes that the Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene approves the following change to the Amey contract:-

- To have a daily presence in respect of a mechanical sweeper and operative to litter pick and cleanse the Gladstone area and streets surrounding. This is to combat the current issues with high levels of litter and taking into account that this is one of the main exits from the city centre.
- Deploy a lengthsman along the Millfield shopping area on a daily basis which will consist of an operative and a barrow. They will be tasked with cleansing the area throughout the day to combat the current high levels of litter.
- Deploy a two person multi-skilled hit squad that will cover the whole city. They will be equipped to remove graffiti, fly tipping and litter. The team will respond to daily calls and target areas as required to meet demand.

4.4 The revenue investment needed is broken down as follows: -

- Hit squad - £72,000
- Daily cleanse of the Gladstone area - £86,000
- Lengthsman in Milfield - £29,000

## 5. CONSULTATION

5.1 These budget changes have been through the following consultations:-

Phase 2 Budget:

- Cabinet – 07 November 2016
- Full Council – 08 March 2017

## **6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES**

- 6.1 The potential additional revenue investment will aid the council in ensuring the current areas that are suffering from littering and fly-tipping can be responded to in a timely manner. It will also support the council's strategic aims of becoming the UK's Environment Capital and creating strong and cohesive communities by crafting environments that are safe and clean to live in.

## **7. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS & ANY RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 7.1 These recommendations will help combat the current issues with littering and fly-tipping in certain areas of the city and take into account the results of the cross party task and finish group and its recommendations.

The recommendations also support the council's strategic aims of becoming the UK's Environment Capital and creating strong and cohesive communities by crafting environments that are safe and clean to live in.

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 Do nothing and maintain the current frequency of services. This would result in high levels of litter and fly tipping and a continued issue with the speed of graffiti removal.

## **9. IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 The additional revenue of £187,000 in the street cleansing budget will allow for greater levels of street cleaning in those areas that are currently perceived as 'hot spots' areas.

- 9.2 The proposals will have a visible impact on the city – Millfield shopping area will have a daily presence to help with the current litter from the local shops and takeaways. This should offer a visible improvement and hopefully help to draw more visitors to the area. Currently the Gladstone area has high levels of footfall with people leaving and entering the city centre using it as a route. The daily sweeper will help to remove much of the litter and bring the streets back to standard. A hit squad will allow us to respond to fly-tipping, littering and graffiti in a more proactive way and target hotspot areas before their designated cleanse is due.

### **9.3 Financial**

- 9.3.1 The approved revenue budget identified for these initiatives is as follows: -

- Hit squad – £72,000
- Daily sweeper in the Gladstone area – £86,000
- Lengthsman in Millfield - £29,000

#### 9.4 Legal

9.4.1 The Environmental Protection Act 1990, as amended by the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, imposes a duty on local authorities to keep specified land and public highways clear of litter and refuse so far as is practicable. A Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse is issued under section 89(7) of the 1990 Act. The Code defines standards of cleanliness and sets how quickly differing types of land should be returned to a set cleanliness standard.

9.4.2 The changes to the Amey contract will be recorded by means of the contractual Change Control Process set out in the contract.

#### **10. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

None.

#### **11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None.