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| GROWTH, ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE | AGENDA ITEM No. 5 |
| 9 JANUARY 2019 | PUBLIC REPORT |

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| Report of: | Report of the Task and Finish Group | |
| Cabinet Member(s) responsible: | Councillor Marco Cereste, Cabinet Member for Waste and Street Scene | |
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REPORT OF THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP TO REVIEW FLY TIPPING AND WASTE POLICY

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| FROM: Task and Finish group reviewing Fly Tipping and Waste Policy. | Deadline date: N/A |
| <p>It is recommended that Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider and comment on the Task and Finish Group report at Appendix 1. 2. Endorse the report and recommendations for submission to Cabinet on 4 February 2019. | |

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 Councillor John Holdich, Leader of the Council, indicated in his speech at Full Council on the evening of 21 May 2018 that Fly Tipping in the City is a challenge and that a cross party group be set up to investigate and make recommendations to Cabinet on policy changes that might reduce the amount of fly tipping.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 This report is submitted to the Committee following a review of fly tipping and waste policy. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval for submission of the recommendations contained within the report to Cabinet on 4 February 2019.
- 2.2 This report is for the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee to consider under its Terms of Reference No. Part 3, Section 4 - Overview and Scrutiny Functions, paragraph No. 4.5 Functions determined by Council :
- Environmental Capital, and Waste Strategy & Management
- 2.3 This report supports the Corporate Priority of helping to achieve the Environment Capital agenda as well as improving the wellbeing of city residents.

3. TIMESCALES

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| Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan? | NO | If yes, date for Cabinet meeting | N/A |
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 Fly tipping of waste is a national issue as well as being a very local issue to Peterborough residents who share the City with such incidents of illegal and anti-social behaviour, it currently costs the authority annually over £200,000 in collection alone just from PCC owned land.

A number of areas of Council operation may have an influence on such incidents and as such the scope of the group follows the following core subjects.

- The HRC in Fengate due to take over from Dogsthorpe in early 2019
- Investigation of potential additional HRC site
- Waste, Recycling and Cleansing policies and procedures where relevant
- Fly Tipping collection and handling
- Education, Information Gathering, Surveillance, Enforcement and Prosecution

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation has been undertaken by the Task and Finish group with a number of stakeholders as follows:

- Keep Britain Tidy Group
- Prevention and Enforcement Service Officers
- Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Cambridgeshire Constabulary
- Amey Peterborough Street Care Service Manager
- Cabinet Member for Communities
- Peterborough Federation for Small Business
- Representative from local waste management business

- 5.2 Significant consultation has been undertaken with a wide range of stakeholders and it is not considered that further consultation would bring value to the process.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

- 6.1 That the Cabinet Member accepts the recommendations in the report and works with officers to develop policies, communication campaigns and other elements contained within the recommendations to reduce Fly Tipping in the City.

7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 The leader has requested that the Scrutiny Committee consider his request to set up a cross party Task and Finish group to examine the issue of Fly Tipping and how alterations to the relevant policies and the current operating regime might be altered to help to reduce Fly Tipping. This is the report from that Task and Finish Group.

- 7.2 Based on the considerable evidence gathered during the work of the Task and Finish Group a sound understanding and basis in evidence has been generated to support the specific recommendations.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 To not undertake the work of the Task and Finish group and report back was considered as unsuitable as this would fail to action the leaders desire to undertake said investigation into these challenging issues.

9. IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 9.1 Overall costs of fly-tipping, including collection, disposal and enforcement costs are around £0.5m per year. The immediate financial impact arising from the report of the Task and Finish group are limited to £15k as detailed in the report, with such expenditure aimed at reducing overall costs for collection and treatment. However specific projects that arise from work undertaken as part of this process may have implications which will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Any new measures taken to reduce fly tipping would ultimately be expected to lead to reductions in costs, which may enable them to be funded without additional budget.

Legal Implications

- 9.2 While there are no immediate legal implications arising out of the Task and Finish Group report, it is possible that a variation to the terms of the Council's contractual arrangements with its waste service provider may be necessary or agreements concluded with third parties in order to give effect to policies or projects which might arise from its conclusions.

Equalities Implications

- 9.3 There are no equalities implications from this recommendation report, however if specific actions are implemented in the future arising from this report they will be subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment as required.

Rural Implications

- 9.4 Fly Tipping is an issue across both Urban and Rural areas, albeit often different in nature, and as such Rural implications will indeed form part of work that arises from this report and recommendations.
- 9.5 If the items recommended in Appendix one are taken forwards some will have a financial implication on the authority to implement, they will however works towards our environment capital aims by reduce waste.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

- 10.1 The following publicly available reports were considered by the Task and Finish Group members in the development of their recommendations.

Understanding and Tackling Fly-Tipping in London - July 2018 - Keep Britain Tidy

Inside the Head of Fly-Tippers - August 2018 - Keep Britain Tidy

Tip of the Binberg, Exploring the full cost of waste crime in Greater Manchester - July 2018 -

Dposal and GC Business Growth Hub

Hertfordshire Councils shared approach to Fly-Tipping

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/recycling-waste-and-environment/recycling-and-waste/wasteaware-campaigns/lets-scrap-fly-tipping.aspx>

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix 1 – Task and Finish Group Report on Fly Tipping and Waste Policy Review

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