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Report of:	Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee	
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TASK AND FINISH GROUP – FLY TIPPING AND WASTE POLICY REVIEW REPORT

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
GROWTH, ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
<p>It is recommended that Cabinet</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agree the recommendations set out in the interim report of the Task and Finish Group and note that further recommendations are expected following continued work by the Group. 2. Approve the financial and resource commitment required to deliver the short term enforcement and communication elements specified in 7.2 and 7.3 of the Task and Finish Group’s interim report. 3. Support the Task and Finish Group in their further work on the specified additional work as requested by Scrutiny Committee at their meeting 9th January 2019. (Section 2.1(b) of this report) 	

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 would be set up to investigate and make recommendations to Cabinet on policy changes that might reduce the amount of fly tipping.
- 1.2** This report is submitted to Cabinet following a meeting of the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2019.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1** The purpose of this report is to present the interim report of the Task and Finish Group on Fly Tipping and Waste Policy:

- a) for consideration of the conclusions and recommendations of a review;*
b) to endorse the development of detailed policy proposals as requested by Scrutiny committee at their meeting on 9th January 2019, namely;
- Bulky waste Collection Policy, including examining the following: price, price banding, number of items per collection, times and days per week. Scheduled community collection events with Parish Councils etc.
 - HRC Restrictions on van and trailers, opening hours, trade waste ban, DIY waste limits/charging, electronic permit application and/or use on site (e-permits) neighbouring authority policies, legal restrictions and financial implications.

To include where possible detail on legislative restrictions, neighbouring authority policies and

cost estimations for consideration.

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.'

2.3 This report relates to matters relevant to the Environment Capital, Waste Management Strategy

3. **TIMESCALES**

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 Household Recycling Centre ("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

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 interim 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 do nothing with the recommendations made by the group would render the group and its work somewhat pointless and fails to act on the 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 is 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. If this is the case then the Council will consider on a case by case basis the procurement process and decision-making required to give effect to such arrangements.

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.

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 - Disposal and GC Business Growth Hub
 - Hertfordshire Councils shared approach to Fly-Tipping
- <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/recycling-waste-and-environment/recycling-andwaste/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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