

GROWTH, ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
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Report of:	Report of the Task and Finish Group	
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REPORT OF THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP TO REVIEW FLY TIPPING AND WASTE POLICY - PHASE 2

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
FROM: Task and Finish group reviewing Fly Tipping and Waste Policy.	Deadline date: Cabinet
<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. 	

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 Monday 15th July 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

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

The Task and Finish Group completed their initial investigation in to the issue of Fly Tipping in Peterborough and presented their findings of the review to the Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 9 January 2019. Whilst the Committee were satisfied with the findings within the report and the conclusions and recommendations reached the Committee requested that a further piece of work should be undertaken. Therefore a further recommendation was added to the report for presentation to Cabinet on 4 February 2019. The additional recommendation was as follows:

The Growth, Environment and Resources Scrutiny Committee endorsed the development of detailed policy proposals 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.

On presentation to Cabinet on 4 February 2019 all recommendations including the additional one made by the Committee on 9 January were accepted. The Task and Finish Group have therefore continued to meet to work on the development of detailed policy proposals as requested by the Committee and approved by Cabinet. The report attached at Appendix 1 therefore contains the conclusions and recommendations following the request from Cabinet.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1 Significant consultation had been undertaken with a wide range of stakeholders during the development of the second stage of the review which was focussed on the implications arising from the specific recommendations developed by the group.

6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT

6.1 That the Cabinet Member accepts the recommendations in the report.

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 form that Task and Finish Groups works.
- 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 The elements mentioned in the report may have financial implications, however at this point in time only budget estimates are available as procurement exercises have not been undertaken.

Each element will require a proposal and business case before proceeding, based on the processes followed for specification and procurement, subsequently following appropriate officer or Cabinet Member approval processes.

It should be noted however that any decisions ultimately taken based on these recommendations, which require additional funds not presently accounted for, will be subject to the existing budget bid process in order to secure appropriate funds to be implemented.

Legal Implications

- 9.2 The Council has the powers to undertake the changes to policy and procedure highlighted in this report which would be implemented through the Cabinet Member Decision Notice (CMDN) process which forms part of the governance procedure employed at the Council.

Individual decisions taken in order to implement the proposals contained within this report will be subject to prior legal, financial, procurement and other appropriate analysis which will be detailed in any applicable CMDN

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 reducing waste.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

10.1 N/A

11. APPENDICES

11.1 *Appendix 1 - Report of the Task and Finish Group - Phase 2*