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Report of the Executive Director - Operations

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SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL PILOT PROJECT

1. PURPOSE

To provide an on the progress of the Safe Sharps Disposal Pilot.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

A presentation will be made at the meeting and the Commission is asked to note the update.

3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

The Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement aim to deliver a bigger and better Peterborough, through improving the quality of life for all. Drug-related litter and the unsafe disposal of sharp implements impacts on the safety of our communities through the increased risk of injury and transmission of blood borne viruses, and therefore by addressing it we contribute directly to the outcome of 'Making Peterborough Safer'.

4. BACKGROUND

The Safe Sharps Disposal Pilot will place special bins for injecting equipment and other sharp implements in public places to reduce the risk of injury and potential transmission of blood borne viruses to members of the public.

At its meeting in November 2009, the Commission was advised that one bin had so far been installed and the remainder were due to be installed by the end of that month. Officers will give a presentation at the meeting on progress of the project against the timetable.

5. IMPLICATIONS

The implications of the pilot project are city-wide.

6. CONSULTATION

Extensive consultation took place to develop and agree the Adult Drug Treatment Plan for 2009/10, in which the project is described.

Initial consultation with key stakeholders was undertaken at the project's inception. Further consultation with stakeholders in respect of the specific bin locations is being undertaken by the Neighbourhood Manager.

7. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The Commission is asked to note progress to date on the project.

8. NEXT STEPS

It is anticipated that updates of the uptake and impact of the project will be reported back to the Scrutiny Commission as requested.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

None.

11. APPENDICES

None.