
LITTER & FLY TIPPING IN CARDIFF – DRAFT TASK & FINISH REPORT

Background

1. At the Environmental Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 6 March 2018 the Committee agreed to undertake the Litter & Fly Tipping in Cardiff task & finish exercise. This report provides background information about the inquiry and outlines the next steps in the process.

2. The agreed terms of reference for the inquiry were:

The aim of the inquiry is to provide Members with the opportunity to explore and consider how the Council can better manage litter and fly tipping in Cardiff. In delivering this inquiry the task group will:

- *Undertake comparative analysis and benchmarking on how other local authorities manage litter & fly tipping, with the main aim of identifying best practice. The comparative analysis and benchmarking should focus on the performance of core cities, Welsh local authorities and cities with a large student population.*
- *Undertake a detailed survey on litter & fly tipping to test public perception on how they feel about litter, fly tipping and wider street cleanliness in Cardiff.*
- *To arrange a number of Member visits to frontline street cleansing and waste enforcement services to help gain a better understanding of the work that they carry out and everyday challenges that they face.*
- *To compare Cardiff's performance in terms of managing litter & fly tipping against best practice identified in the comparative analysis and benchmarking.*

3. Members of the Task & Finish group were:
 - Councillor Ramesh Patel (Chair);
 - Councillor Peter Wong;
 - Councillor Norma Mackie;
 - Councillor John Lancaster;
 - Councillor Oliver Owen;
 - Councillor Bob Derbyshire;
 - Councillor Jaqueline Parry;
 - Councillor Philippa Hill- John;
 - Councillor Owen Jones;
 - Councillor Ashley Wood.

4. During the Task & Finish Exercise the following people provided evidence:
 - Councillor Michael Michael, Cabinet Member for Clean Streets, Recycling & Performance.
 - Matthew Wakelam, Assistant Director, Street Scene – Planning, Transport & Environment Directorate.
 - Claire Cutforth, Operational Manager Recycling Services – Planning, Transport & Environment Directorate.
 - Neil Harrison, Project Coordinator at Natural Resources Wales.
 - Jemma Bere, Policy & Research Manager at Keep Wales Tidy.
 - Gladys Hingco, Researcher – Scrutiny Services.
 - The 19 volunteers who participated in the volunteer workshop on the 19th September 2019.
 - The front line cleansing and fly tipping officers from the Planning, Transport & Environment Directorate who supported councillors during the councillor job shadowing exercise.

5. The draft report titled ‘Litter & Fly Tipping in Cardiff’ has been attached to this report as **Appendix 1**; the draft report makes a series of recommendations across the following areas:

- Resource Allocation & Technology;
- Enforcement & Fines;
- Education & Awareness;
- Bins;
- Volunteering;
- Litter in General;
- Fast Food;
- Fly Tipping;
- Dog Fouling;
- Chewing Gum.

Legal Implications

6. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers of behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

7. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if

and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

1. Take account of the information received at the meeting;
2. Agree the content of the report subject to any alterations as required by the Committee;
3. To delegate authority to the Chair to agree any minor alterations to the report after this meeting.

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12 February 2019