

**CABINET RESPONSE TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY
INQUIRY INTO “LITTER & FLY TIPPING IN CARDIFF”**

**CLEAN STREETS, RECYLING AND ENVIRONMENT
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AGENDA ITEM: 2

Reason for this Report

1. To present to the Cabinet response to the recommendations made in the report of Cardiff’s Environmental Scrutiny Committee Inquiry into Litter and Fly Tipping in Cardiff

Background

2. A report of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee into Litter and Fly Tipping in Cardiff was presented to Cabinet on 13th June 2019.
3. The report made a wide ranging series of recommendations following a detailed inquiry that provided members with the opportunity to explore and consider how the Council could better manage litter and fly tipping issues in the city.

Issues

4. Waste and Street Scene in Cardiff is currently undergoing a transformation to ensure that resources are allocated to maximise the cleanliness of our streets and to deliver the recycling targets set by Welsh Government.
5. The scrutiny inquiring is timely to inform this transformation agenda and supports and adds to the direction of travel for the service. The 68 recommendations have been considered and 57 have been accepted either fully or in principle, 10 have been partially accepted, and 1 was not accepted.
6. Attached in appendix 1 is the detailed response to each recommendation and it should be noted that in a number of instances implementation has already been progressed.
7. An action plan is being developed to track the progress of the activity as part of the wider transformation of waste services.

Reason for Recommendations

8. To enable Cabinet to respond to the 'Litter & Flytipping in Cardiff' report by the Environment Scrutiny Committee.

Financial Implications

9. The attached report provides a formal Cabinet response to a scrutiny report in respect of the Litter & Fly tipping. The scrutiny report makes 68 recommendations, 66 of which are accepted either fully or in-part. In all instances, consideration will need to be given to any budgetary implications arising from the implementation of each recommendation and whether this can be accommodated within existing budgets held within the Directorate. Where this is not the case, then a formal bid will need to be submitted as part of the annual budget setting process, for consideration and approval. It is important that the budget position is fully understood and the required level of resources have been identified before entering into any commitments.

Legal Implications

10. In considering its response to the recommendations, the Cabinet should be mindful of the Council's statutory duties under:
 - (i) The Equalities Act 2010 – requiring the Council to give due regard to the need to (1) eliminate unlawful discrimination, (2) advance equality of opportunity and (3) foster good relations, in relation to groups having 'protected characteristics' (namely Age; Gender reassignment; Sex; Race – including ethnic or national origin, colour or nationality; Disability; Pregnancy and maternity; Marriage and civil partnership; Sexual orientation; and Religion or belief – including lack of belief); and
 - (ii) The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – requiring the Council to consider how its decisions will contribute, and to take all reasonable steps, towards meeting its well-being objectives, which are set out in Cardiff's Corporate Plan 2019-22 and are aimed at achieving 7 national wellbeing goals for Wales - a Wales that is prosperous, resilient, healthier, more equal, has cohesive communities, a vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language, and is globally responsible. The Council is also obliged to act in accordance with the 'sustainable development principle'. This principle requires the Council to act in a way which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Put simply, this means that Council decision makers must take account of the impact of their decisions on people living their lives in Wales in the future.
11. Further legal advice will be provided as specific proposals are progressed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is recommended to approve the response to the 'Litter & Fly tipping in Cardiff' report of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee as set out in Appendix 1.

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The following appendix is attached:

Appendix 1: Cabinet response to the 'Litter & Fly tipping in Cardiff' report published by the Environmental Scrutiny.