
**CABINET RESPONSE – ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT
TITLED ‘LITTER & FLY TIPPING IN CARDIFF’**

Background

1. The Environmental Scrutiny Committee agreed as part of their work programme to undertake an inquiry titled ‘Litter & Fly Tipping in Cardiff’. As a result, the Committee agreed to set up a task & finish group inquiry. The terms of reference were agreed as follows:

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.*

2. The task group Inquiry was informed by evidence and advice from the following:
 - 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.

3. The report was presented to Cabinet on the 13th June 2019; a copy of the report has been attached to this report as **Appendix 1**. A full response was agreed by Cabinet on the 10th October 2019; a copy of the full response has been attached to this report as **Appendix 2**.

Cabinet Response to Recommendations

4. The scrutiny report made a series of key findings and 68 recommendations that required a Cabinet response; 57 of the recommendations were accepted, 10 were partially accepted and one was rejected.

5. The key findings and recommendations were based around eleven themed areas that are listed below:
 - Resource Allocation & Technology;
 - Enforcement & Fines;
 - Education & Awareness;
 - Bins;
 - Volunteering;

- Litter in General;
 - Fast food Litter;
 - Fly Tipping;
 - Dog Fouling;
 - Smoking Litter;
 - Chewing Gum.
6. Full details of the response and future actions are contained in **Appendix 2** of this report.

Way Forward

7. Officers from the People & Communities Directorate have been invited to attend the meeting. They will provide a summary of the Cabinet response and answer any questions that Members may have.
8. Members may consider the response contained in the attached **Appendix 2** and provide any comments, advice or recommendations relevant to the contents of this report.

Legal Implications

9. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not making 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 the Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of 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 on 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

10. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not making 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

11. The Committee is recommended to consider the Cabinet response, the information presented at the meeting and then provide the Cabinet Member with any comments, concerns or recommendations.

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