



## **Review of Litter and Fly Tipping**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Neighbourhoods Board considered a report at its July meeting on setting a work programme for 2014/15 that included a proposal to review litter and fly tipping, especially focusing on the Normanton area. Due to meeting an existing commitment to complete \ review domestic abuse, the Board agreed to consider this item at its November meeting. However, in the meantime the Communities and Local Government Select Committee has announced it is holding an inquiry on litter and has asked local authorities if they wish to submit evidence. The Chair of the Neighbourhoods Board feels this is a good opportunity for the Board to make a contribution to CLG Inquiry, influence national policy and help to make improvements to the local area. The Chair has therefore brought forward this item to the September meeting.
- 1.2 The review will seek contributions from a range of individuals and organisations on how the litter and fly tipping problems in the city could be addressed.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To consider and agree the review on litter and fly tipping.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The review will help to improve the environment for local residents.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 A number of neighbourhoods in the city have high levels of litter on its streets, especially Normanton. The Board feels conducting a detailed review will help the Council to improve the cleanliness of its neighbourhoods and thus contribute to health and well-being of local communities. Due to its existing commitments, the board had scheduled to consider this item at its November meeting. However, in order to be able to contribute to the CLG Committee call for evidence, the board has brought this forward to its September meeting.
- 4.2 The CLG Committee invites submissions on how significant a problem littering and fly-tipping is, and whether current government policies are adequate and give local authorities enough autonomy to tackle the problem in local communities.

Written submission, particularly from local authority scrutiny is invited on:

- What problems do litter and fly-tipping create for local communities-is the situation improving or deteriorating?
- How effective are the actions of those responsible for managing waste in the local environment? What more should local councils, the Environment Agency, and Government funded bodies such as WRAP do?
- Does the current statute, regulation and guidance set an effective framework to minimise litter and fly-tipping. What, if any, further changes are required?
- What roles do and should the private citizen and campaign and action groups have in tackling litter?

4.3 At a local level, the review could look at:

- Type and quantities of litter left on city streets
- Locations of fly tipping hotspots and reasonswhy
- History of the problem and when did behaviour change
- Street cleansing and refuse collection programmes
- Action being taken to stop fly tipping and litter thrown on streets
- The role of education and enforcement
- Limitations of current legislation
- What needs to be done at local and national level to change behaviour
- Community involvement
- What equality implications there are

4.4 Witnesses to the review may include:

- Ward councillors including Arboretum, Abbey and Normanton wards,
- Chairs of the Neighbourhood Boards and Neighbourhood managers,
- Representatives from Street Cleansing and Waste Management
- Director of Environment and Regulatory Services to include role of Environment Health Officers

4.5 The review will need to be completed prior to 16 October in order to be able contribute to the Communities and Local Government Litter Inquiry.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 The Board could consider this item at its November meeting, but this is after the deadline of CLG Inquiry and would not provide an opportunity for the Board to contribute.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b>	N/A
<b>Financial officer</b>	N/A
<b>Human Resources officer</b>	N/A
<b>Estates/Property officer</b>	N/A
<b>Service Director(s)</b>	Tim Clegg – Director of Partnerships and Street Pride
<b>Other(s)</b>	David Bartram – Head of Highways and Engineering

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## IMPLICATIONS

### **Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 This will be contained within the research budget allocated from scrutiny work.
- 1.2 Scrutiny makes recommendations to Council Cabinet and or to council. Thus the conclusions of the review may have an impact on resources and value for money.

### **Legal**

- 2.1 Article 6.3 of the Council Constitution allows overview and scrutiny boards to assist the Council and the Council Cabinet in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy.
- 2.2 There are no implications arising directly from this report. Thus the conclusions of the review may have an impact on legal services.

### **Personnel**

- 3.1 There are no implications arising directly from this report.

### **IT**

- 4.1 None directly arising from this report.

### **Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 The initial scoping report outlined a number of areas for the review including access to services, under-reporting and barriers faced by those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act.
- 5.2 The review focus on litter in Normanton. The litter and fly tipping is having a negative effect on residents, predominantly minority ethnic people, from being able to enjoy their neighbourhood..

### **Health and Safety**

- 6.1 None directly arising from this report.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

- 7.1 Outcomes from this review should help to improve the environment.

### **Property and Asset Management**

- 8.1 None directly arising from this report.

### **Risk Management**

- 9.1 None directly arising from this report.

### **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 10.1 The outcomes link to all of the Derby Plan and Council Plan outcomes.

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