

Update on Fly Tipping in the Borough

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REASON FOR ITEM

At the meeting of 29 May 2013, Members requested a brief update on the issue of fly tipping. It was requested that the update address their concerns that crews were not clearing all waste from an area following a fly tip being reported to Waste Services.

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

- To seek clarification from officers on any of the information in this report.
- To note the update on fly tipping.

INFORMATION

On receiving a report of fly tipping officers within Waste Services require the following information.

1. The exact location.
2. The nature of waste.
3. The volume/quantity of waste.

It must be stressed that, if the above information is not available, a supervisor or the team are always sent to the site to undertake the work. The benefit of advance knowledge assists in deciding response times, vehicle type and manpower to be dispatched.

If the fly tip is on Highway land it is always removed and officers are unaware of any occasions where this has not been the case.

In discussion with other departments, often Housing or Green Spaces, Waste Service will undertake removal of all waste from Council owned land.

Waste is not removed from private land without prior consultation with officers in ASBIT, as removal of such waste may contravene enforcement action already undertaken.

Where fly tipping is of a hazardous nature, or is a danger to pedestrians or road users, Waste Services will utilise the emergency call out team, which operates 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. Response time to an emergency is 1 hour and Waste Services always respond inside this timescale.

Although not always recorded as fly tipping, the only occasions when "selected" waste is removed would relate to the mis-use of recycling bags or black bags containing garden

waste. Refuse crews will not check the contents of the recycling bag and in turn recycling crews will leave bags containing contaminated waste in order for the recycling to be accepted at its end destination. In these circumstances it often falls on street cleansing to remove the bags at a later date.