

RESIDENTS' & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES POC - REVIEW TOPICS FOR FIRST MAJOR REVIEW OF 2014/15

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REASON FOR ITEM

To enable the Committee to agree a topic to be developed into a full scoping report to be considered at the meeting on 30 July 2014.

OPTIONS OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is asked to select a single area within its remit to be developed into a scoping report. This will require the Committee to provide specific rather than broad areas to focus on. By so doing, officers will be able to produce a scoping report that addresses Members' main concerns and put forward an effective plan for the review.

INFORMATION

The Committee is responsible for undertaking the 'policy overview' role in relation to the services provided by Residents Services. The full range of services under the Committee's remit is outlined in the terms of reference at the start of the agenda.

In selecting topics for further investigation by officers, Members are reminded of the Committee's work since 2009, which included reviews of:

2009/10
§ Street Lighting
§ Illegal Imported Cosmetics and Food
§ Planning Enforcement – construction and use of back buildings (homes in back gardens)
2010/11
§ Khat
§ Town Twinning
2011/12
§ Mitigating the environmental effects of the telecommunications masts and cabinets in the London Borough of Hillingdon and beyond
2012/13
§ Review of the regulations and byelaws relating to the Cemeteries and Burial Grounds within Hillingdon
2013/14
§ Using Our Water: Improving Efficiency and Developing Long-Term Strategies

At the Committee's last meeting of the 2013/14 Municipal Year, several possible review topics were suggested. It is at the Committee's discretion as to whether or not these topics

are pursued but they are a useful point of reference for determining the next major review. The suggested topics were as follows:

- § Street cleaning - specific topics will have to be selected within this broad theme.
- § General waste - specific topics will have to be selected within this broad theme.
- § The sale of counterfeit products within the Borough. It was suggested that this could either focus specifically on the sale of counterfeit alcohol and cigarettes or more widely on all counterfeit products. As can be seen above, a similar review was completed in 2009-10 which could be developed upon.
- § The Council's enforcement policy and how enforcement action was taken. The current policies have recently been renewed and so it should be advised that this review should not focus on the policies themselves and instead could look at how they were applied and followed up.

It is at the Committee's discretion as to what areas it wishes to review and Members are encouraged to consider the whole range of topics under their purview. It should also be noted that officers will also be developing proposals for possible reviews that will be circulated to the Committee prior to, or at, this meeting.