

REVIEW FINDINGS - TACKLING LITTERING AND FLY-TIPPING WITHIN HILLINGDON

Committee name	Residents, Education and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee
Officer reporting	Neil Fraser, Democratic Services
Papers with report	None.

HEADLINES

As part of the Committee's review into littering and fly-tipping within the Borough, a number of witness sessions have been held, with key witnesses attending to provide information and answer questions relating to the review.

With witness sessions for the review now completed, the Committee is asked to discuss and provisionally agree potential recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee comment on and suggest potential recommendations to be included within the final report.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

At the meeting on 26 June 2019, Members agreed that the Committee's next review topic would be 'Tacking Littering and Fly-Tipping Within Hillingdon'. At the following meeting, on 18 July 2019, a scoping report was approved, and potential witnesses were discussed.

At the meeting of 4 September 2019, testimony was heard from Cathy Knubley - Head of Waste Services, and Nathan Welch - ASB and Environment Manager. The officers provided the Committee with information on the scope of the issues within Hillingdon, detailed what the Waste and Enforcement teams were doing to address these issues, and set out the Council's plans for future actions.

At the meeting on 15 October 2019, the witness session was themed around resident feedback, with attendance from David Brough – Chairman of the Hayes Town Partnership, A S Puar – Chairman of the Hayes Town Business Forum, Colleen Sullivan & Jane Turnbull – Oak Farm Residents Association, and Claire King & Kiran Soor – residents of Barnhill Ward. The witnesses provided the Committee with detail of how littering and fly-tipping was affecting their local areas, their experience with reporting issues to the Council, and the work they were undertaking separately and in conjunction with Council officers in order to address these issues.

The final witness session was held on 4 November 2019, and was attended by Rose Tehan - Research and Innovation Development Manager for Keep Britain Tidy (KBT),. Ms Tehan set out a number of research studies and initiatives undertaken by KBT that were aimed at changing

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behaviours within the public at large, with the aim of reducing littering and fly-tipping.

A list of draft recommendations will be circulated to the Committee prior to the meeting on 21 January 2020. Members are welcome to suggest any amendments to these draft recommendations, or suggest new recommendations. These suggestions can then be discussed at the meeting, and with officers, ahead of potentially being added to the final report. The final report will then be brought before the Committee for approval in future months, ahead of its submission to Cabinet.

Implications on related Council policies

The role of the Policy Overview Committees is to make recommendations on service changes and improvements to the Cabinet, who are responsible for the Council's policy and direction.

How this report benefits Hillingdon residents

Policy Overview Committees directly engage residents in shaping policy, and recommendations from the Committees seek to improve the way the Council provides services to residents.

Financial Implications

None at this stage.

Legal Implications

None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.