

Overview and Scrutiny Committee report into Review of fly-tipping.

Response from John Marsh, Head of Streetscene and Grounds Maintenance and Alvin Henry, Head of Waste

It is welcomed that the Committee concluded that the two services work well together to combat any issues with waste in the city, particularly given the decreasing resources available to them, and that there is very little that could be done differently.

The Committee also commended the work of the services, particularly the Waste Advisors and, had resources not been an issue, would have recommended that the number of Waste Advisors be increased to build on the good work already carried out. Following the disestablishment of the Waste Policy team in Spring of 2017 the importance of the work the Waste Advisors perform has increased.

The report made the following recommendations

That the Head of Waste Management, and Head of Street Scene and Grounds Maintenance:

- (1) work with Area Committees to discuss individual ward needs/issues in regard to waste management, and ascertain how/if ward budgets could contribute to specific projects within the wards;
- (2) investigate possible ways of data sharing between all relevant services to ensure that issues are reported and dealt with;
- (3) provide a response to the recommendations at the February 2018 meeting of the Committee.

In terms of recommendation one, we have been in discussion with the Head of Neighbourhood Management to use the Neighbourhood Development Officers to discuss these issues at their regular meeting with ward Councillors. Any particular hotspots identified will be added to the Deep Clean programme if necessary.

Whilst clearances would in the main be funded through normal budgets, extra funding from ward councillor budgets would be welcomed to support measures to prevent future fly tipping (eg barriers or fences).

In terms of sharing data, the Area NAT meetings already provide a forum for partnerships to share information and data at a ward level. This is supplemented by a City Wide Partnership tasking group that meet to discuss escalated issues and city wide data.

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