Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee: Holding the Executive to Account

Scrutiny Monitoring – 10 December 2020

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12/11/20	Stronger Communities	Provision of an Environmental Enforcement Service - Update	That a breakdown of fly tipping incidents by ward is circulated to the Committee.	 We do not hold data for incidents by ward. Quarter 1 (April to June 2020) – Fly tips recorded by City Services = 578 (during tight lockdown) Quarter 2 (July to September 2020) – Fly Tips recorded by City Services = 780
			2) That the estimated cost to the Council of cleaning up fly tipping is provided to the Committee.	Historical costs associated with fly tipping identified in the attached table.
			That, to make it easy for residents, the usability of the Council's website for reporting fly tipping is reviewed.	We are in the process of developing new forms across the website, the fly tipping form is one of these and there will be improvements to the form when it goes live including a map which will identify land ownership so they customer know if they can report it at the point of reporting and then will correctly direct the request within the council.
			4) Following analysis of the relevant data, review the location of charity bins in the city to reduce the level of fly tipping.	A review is under way
			 That fixed penalty notices issued for dropping litter are reviewed to identify if there have been repeat offenders. 	The data on fixed penalty notices has been reviewed and nine occasions were identified where more than one fixed penalty notice has been issued to the same person living at the same address.
				The proportion of fixed penalties being issued to repeat offenders is low when set against the total number of fixed penalties which have been issued since the service commenced at the end of June 2020 i.e. nine repeat offenders set against more than two thousand correctly issued fixed penalties, which equates to less than 0.5% of enforcement actions being taken against repeat offenders.
				Seven of the repeat offenders paid both of the fixed penalties issued to them. One has been given an extended

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				period to pay. One repeat offender has not paid the fixed penalties and matters are progressing to Court.
				The review also shows that the nine fixed penalties issued to repeat offenders were issued by a range of enforcement officers, so we do not have a particular officer targeting individuals repeatedly.
			6) That the OSMC reviews the performance of the Environmental Enforcement Services in 6 months' time.	Noted



