

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

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STREET CLEANSING POLICY

Responsible Portfolio Holders	Councillors Mrs M Sherrey & Mrs J Griffiths
Responsible Head of Service	Michael Bell
Key Decision	

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report seeks to gain Members approve of the Street Cleansing Policy.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that Members approve and acknowledge the Street Cleansing Policy, see Appendix 1.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Bromsgrove District Council, under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, is described as a Principal Litter Authority and consequently has a duty to remove litter from relevant land.

3.2 Relevant land is generally that which is open to the air and to which public access is permitted without payment.

3.3 Street Cleansing duties have been undertaken on relevant land up until this point without a written operational policy. A policy has been produced to ensure the Street Cleansing duties and service standards are formally recognised.

3.4 The policy will be used to inform stakeholders of the activities currently undertaken, the correct reporting processes for street cleansing issues, and the processes in place to monitor the service.

3.5 In light of recent significant improvements to Street Cleansing functions, the formalisation of a policy is a necessary step in the progression of this service.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific financial implications connected directly to this report and all of the operational activities in the Street Cleansing Policy will be covered by the annual budget currently provided for this function.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Environmental Protection Act 1990 is the legislative instrument which details the responsibility of a local authority in regards to litter and other street cleansing duties. The Act defines Bromsgrove District Council as a Principal Litter Authority and therefore responsible for the street cleansing issues outlined in the Street Cleansing Policy
- 5.2 The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 further extended the powers of a local authority and identified increased penalties and enforcement actions.
- 5.3 For the avoidance of doubt, this report is not concerned with the enforcement of litter, abandoned vehicles, fly tipping, dog fouling, fly posting or graffiti. Any use of enforcement activities will be covered by other reports.

6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 The Street Cleansing policy will support the Council's Corporate objectives of Environment and Sense of Community and Well Being. It also contributes towards the priorities of Clean Streets and Climate Change.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The main risks associated with the details included in this report are:

- Not adopting the Street Cleansing Policy thus no accepted service standards for this function

- 7.2 This risks are being managed as follows:

Risk Register: *Street Scene & Community*

Key Objective Ref No: 4

Key Objective: *Develop and Maintain and high performing, effective and efficient street cleansing service*

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Should Members choose to approve and acknowledge the Street Cleansing Policy as an accepted standard of service functions; this document will be freely available on the Council Website.
- 8.2 Any other future service specific information produced will also contain reference to this policy and the standards mentioned within it.
- 8.3 The acceptance of this policy will contribute to the enhanced understanding of our customers and stakeholders in the services we provide, this manages expectations and clearly defines responsibilities.
- 8.4 The Customer Service Centre will be advised of the new policy and directed to its location on the internet should they require the information contained within it.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 This report has no implication on the Councils Equalities and Diversity Policies.

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 This report has no impact on the corporate VFM action plan.

11. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues:	None
Personnel Implications:	None
Governance/Performance Management:	None
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998:	None
Policy:	Proposed Street Cleansing Policy Only
Environmental:	The recommendations of this report will contribute towards enhanced environmental performance of the Council

12. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	
Executive Director - Partnerships and Projects	Yes at CMT
Executive Director - Services	Yes at CMT
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes at CMT

Head of Service	Yes at CMT
Head of Financial Services	Yes at CMT
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes at CMT
Head of Organisational Development & HR	Yes at CMT
Corporate Procurement Team	No

13. WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards

14. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Draft Street Cleansing

15. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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