

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE CABINET

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Fly Tipping Scrutiny Report

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report summarizes the recommendations of the Fly tipping Scrutiny Report and identifies costs and resource implications for the Street Scene department of implementing those recommendations.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the contents of the report are noted and that much of the work suggested within the report has already been factored into the work programme of the department.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Fly tipping Scrutiny Task Group produced 17 recommendations following its detailed investigation of fly tipping with the District. Fly tipping is an increasing problem within society and the task group have investigated a range of issues in relation to fly tipping in this area. Officers have taken on board the comments made by the Task Group and in some instances commenced work in the delivery of the recommendations. Most other elements of the recommendations have been built into the departments programme of work
- 3.2 This report lists the recommendations with comments against each in terms of financial and resource implications.
- 3.3 The report does not repeat the contents of the Task group report. This report therefore needs to be read in conjunction with that report.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 **Recommendation 1. A Guide for the Public.** This will be incorporated within the Waste Awareness Guide currently being produced.

- 4.2 **Recommendation 2. Re-use and Recycling Schemes.** It was recommended that Copies of the Re-use Guide produced by the County Council will be made available within the members room. In addition all members will be sent copies of the guide via e mail.
- 4.3 **Recommendation 3. Reporting Fly tipping.** The departments Promotions and Awareness team will continue to use visits to various events to promote the fly tipping issues.
- 4.4 **Recommendation 4. Display at the Customer Services Centre.** The existing display at the CSC will be changed to incorporate information about fly tipping.
- 4.5 **Recommendation 5. National Fly tipping Prevention Group.** It is intended to provide a link on the Councils website to this group and to offer copies to those who request it.
- 4.6 **Recommendation 6. Disposal of Tyres.** It was recommended that the web site for the Tyre Recovery Association is publicised by the Council on its website with a link to this being made available. This will be carried out by Officers.
- 4.7 **Recommendation 7. Environment Agency Fly tipping Forum.** Arrangements have already been made for a member of staff to attend this forum whenever possible. Operational activities at the department will however take precedence over such meetings.
- 4.8 **Recommendation 8. Household Waste Site Permit Scheme.** Publicity of this scheme has already been undertaken in conjunction with the Councils Communications Manager and the Customer Service Centre.
- 4.9 **Recommendation 9. CCTV.** Officers have researched the use of mobile covert CCTV cameras however there would be a minimum one off cost of £10,000 to purchase the necessary equipment. It is intended that the situation is monitored and a further report be brought to Cabinet for funding if the situation deteriorates.
- 4.10 **Recommendation 10. Perryfields Small Holdings Sidemoor.** Officers will send a letter to the County Council requesting that they improve the access to the site in order to discourage fly tipping.
- 4.11 **Recommendation 11. BDHT.** Officers are continuing to work to build good relationships with BDHT and to continue working with the County Council. Relationships with the County Waste Management Team and Worcestershire Districts waste management units are good and maintained through regular meetings.

- 4.12 **Recommendation 12. Parish Councils Waste Awareness Guide.** All those consulted as part of this exercise will receive an e mail version of the Fly tipping report and the Waste Awareness Guide when completed. If specifically requested printed copies will be made available. Copies will also be available for the Members room.
- 4.13 **Recommendation 13. Parish Councils Response.** The actions required are the same as 4.12 above.
- 4.14 **Recommendation 14. Fly tipping hotspots.** The department has a response rate determined by performance indicators which it follows. Staff are also instructed that if they come across a fly tip incident they are, where possible, to remove it. These actions ensure that fly tipping incidents are dealt with quickly. However if an incident is likely to take longer than the 4 days indicated within the performance indicators, a notice will be erected to advise passers by that the incident is being investigated and dealt with. Fly tips are dealt with within 4 days of notification unless there are particular problems that require the use of specialized contractors.
- 4.15 **Recommendation 15. Increasing profile of next prosecution.** Where a successful prosecution has taken place officers will ensure that maximum publicity is gained from the incident as a deterrent to others.
- 4.16 **Recommendation 16. Publicity with involvement of local schools and media.** Officers currently visit schools for waste awareness campaigns and recycling initiatives. The problems and dangers of fly tipping will be incorporated into those presentations.
- 4.17 **Recommendation 17. Publicity of enforcement action.** This is similar to 4.15 but also relates to publicity of an incident in addition to an enforcement action. Officers will, where possible, photograph incidents and these will be used within press releases and publicity material.
- 4.18 This report has few direct financial implications but some resource implications for the Street Scene department. However most of the work suggested within the recommendations has been taken on board and will be built into the routine of officers.
- 4.19 The report is also flexible in its recommendations which will allow officers to develop initiatives within the existing operational framework rather than being prescriptive in terms of actions or timescales. This approach is welcomed by officers.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report. Within Recommendation 9 the use of CCTV cameras is mentioned but only if the number of fly tipping incidents increases significantly. If that becomes apparent a further report detailing the benefits and costs of CCTV systems

will be prepared. An approximate cost of a mobile, covert CCTV camera is £10,000.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

7. Corporate Objectives

7.1 To provide an effective, efficient and environmentally sound service.

8. Risk Management

8.1 There are no specific risk associated with this report.

9. Customer Implications

9.1 Management of fly tipping is fundamental if the cleanliness of the area is to be maintained.

10. 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:	None
Environmental:	See Report
Equalities and Diversity:	None

11. Others Consulted on Report.

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Acting Chief Executive	Yes
Corporate Director (Services)	Yes
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes

Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	Yes
Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Yes
Head of Organisational Development & HR	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	None

12. Appendices

None

13. Background Papers

Fly tipping Scrutiny Report February 2007.
Report to Cabinet 7th March 2007 Fly tipping Scrutiny Report.

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