

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 19 September 2022

Wards: All

Subject: Reference from the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel – Community Skips

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Recommendations:

1. The Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel requests that Cabinet note its reference set out in paragraph 2.7 below.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. During the 29 June 2022 meeting of the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel, members received a presentation on the fly-tipping strategy and accompanying action plan. The Assistant Director for Public Space and the Cabinet Member for Local Environment, Green spaces and Climate answered questions and provided further detail where needed.

2 DETAILS

2.1. Scrutiny process

- 2.2. The Panel were reassured to hear that in the short term, officers will be focusing on the delivery of the action plan that was in response to the service improvement notice given to Veolia, and that there is a strong focus on the fly tipping strategy, particularly the treatment of flats above shops.
- 2.3. The Panel were reassured to hear officers are Members agreed that working to improve relationships with housing association providers across the borough and tackling the management of communal waste across the borough is a priority.
- 2.4. Following discussions about access to Garth Road recycling centre, bulky waste collections and the historic use of community skips, the Panel moved to discuss a cross-party recommendation.

2.5. Scrutiny response

- 2.6. The Panel RESOLVED (all ten members voted in favour) to send the following recommendation to Cabinet
- 2.7. Considering lack of access to disposal facilities is a driver, the Panel RESOLVED that “This panel requests Cabinet consider ways of bringing the collection of waste closer to the community i.e., community skips”.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. None – Cabinet is required under the council's constitution to receive, consider and respond to references from overview and scrutiny.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. None for the purpose of this report.

5 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. None for the purpose of this report.

6 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. Cabinet is required under the council's constitution to receive, consider and respond to references from overview and scrutiny. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires Cabinet to respond to reports and recommendations made by scrutiny committees within two months of written notice being given.

7 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. There are no human rights, equalities and community cohesion implications as a result of this report.

8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. These are no crime and disorder implications as a result of this report.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. There are no risk management and health and safety implications as a result of this report.

10 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- None

11 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None