

Committee: Overview & Scrutiny Commission

Date: 19th September 2013

Agenda item:

Wards: All

Subject: Control of Noise Nuisance

Lead officer: Chris Lee/John Hill

Lead member: Andrew Judge

Forward Plan reference number: 1256

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Recommendations:

- A. That the Commission note and discuss the formal decision taken by Cabinet at its meeting on 10 June 2013
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. To provide the Commission with a formal notification of the decision of the Cabinet taken at their meeting on the 10th June 2013 in respect of options for the provision of a control of noise nuisance service.

2 DETAILS

At the meeting on the 10th of June, Cabinet considered a report (attached as appendix 1) in response to Scrutiny's request, at its meetings of the 8th and 31st January 2013, "to explore options for providing a 24/7 noise service as soon as possible through an 'invest to save' approach that would deal with complaints promptly and further reduce the need for court action as well as sending a message to residents that anti-social noisy behaviour will not be tolerated".

A report in respect of this recommendation was presented at the Council's Cabinet meeting of the 18th February 2013, where Cabinet resolved to formally report back its decision and any agreed action to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission.

Following consideration of the report at their meeting on the 10th June, Cabinet formally resolved that (see extract from formal minutes of June 10th meeting):

RESOLVED: That recommendation A of the 10th June report (see appendix 1 : ***That, based on the information provided by officers as set out in this report, Members determine whether or not to proceed with the implementation of a 24/7 noise patrol service together with the required investment as specified.***)

be deferred pending a further report to Cabinet discussing the possibility of MASCOT working more closely with the council's noise enforcement service and the potential for a shared service with neighbouring boroughs.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

3.1. Not applicable for the purposes of this report.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

4.1. Not applicable for the purposes of this report.

5 TIMETABLE

5.1. The progress on the development and implementation of the shared regulatory service between Croydon, Richmond and Merton, will, by the nature and complexity of the project, be protracted and it has been agreed that the report back to Cabinet will be scheduled for April 2014. This report will also include an update on potential use of MASCOT services as a mechanism for addressing concerns regarding noise nuisance.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. Not applicable for the purposes of this report.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. Not applicable for the purposes of this report.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1. Not applicable for the purposes of this report.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1. Not applicable for the purposes of this report.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10.1. Not applicable for the purposes of this report.

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

- **Appendix 1** : Copy of report to Cabinet meeting of 10th June 2013.

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1. None for the purposes of this report.