

**Environment
Scrutiny and Performance Panel**

**Agenda
Item No.**

12 January 2012

Littering Working Group

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Cllr T Ansell – Transport and Environment

Executive Summary:

This report updates the Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel on the scoping exercise carried out to inform Members of the potential for a Littering Working Group. If established, the Working Group would consider:-

- Legislation and Legal Issues
- Previous Cleansing Review
- Resources
- Cost Comparison with other Authorities
- Cleansing as a priority with Walsall
- Zoning Implications
- Communication and reporting processes
- Education
- Enforcement
- Cleansing in Walsall Town Centre and District Centres
- Litter Picking on Green Spaces
- Fly Tipping
- Dog Fouling, Cigarette Litter and Leaf Clearance
- Litter Bin Strategy

It is anticipated that the Working Group will meet on a fortnightly basis and provide an update report to the Environmental Scrutiny and Performance Panel in April 2012.

The Working Group will make recommendations to Cabinet at the end of its life which if adopted will improve cleansing across the borough

Reason for scrutiny:

The Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel identified littering as a potential Working Group when setting the work programme for 2011/12. The Working Group will identify improvement opportunities and make recommendations via the Scrutiny panel to Cabinet.

Recommendations:**That:**

1. The Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel establish a Working Group to undertake an in depth review of Littering;
2. The Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel agrees a Membership for the Working Group;
3. The Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel approve the Initiation Document as appended to this report.

Background papers:

There are no background papers relevant at this time.

Resource and legal considerations:

Resource implications and legal considerations will be identified in future reports as the work of the Littering Working Group progresses.

Citizen impact:

The impact for citizens will be identified in future reports as the work of the Littering Working Group progresses.

Environmental impact:

The environmental impact will be identified in future reports as the work of the Littering Working Group progresses.

Performance management:

The performance management impact will be identified in future reports as the work of the Littering Working Group progresses.

Equality Implications:


There has been no equality impact assessment carried out at this time.

Consultation:

No consultation has taken place at this time. It is anticipated that consultation will take place with stakeholders and all service areas whom have an involvement with cleansing and litter picking activities.

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1. Report

- 1.1. The Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel identified littering as a potential Working Group when setting the work programme for 2011/12.
- 1.2. An informal meeting was held with representatives of the Environment Scrutiny Panel to discuss and draft an initiation document on Monday 12 December, 2011.
- 1.3. The scope of the review was identified as follows
 - Financial Resources
 - Staffing Levels
 - Litter Bins
 - Leaf Collections
 - Reviewing the Street Cleansing Report
 - Litter Bins
 - Physical Resources (Fleet and mechanical)
 - Fly Tipping
 - Walsall Town and District Centres
 - The effectiveness of Zoning Arrangements (Cleansing Teams)
 - Reporting Processes
 - Greenspaces
 - Powers of Enforcement
 - Legal requirements/Choice Functions
 - Education/Awareness
- 1.4. If established, the Working Group will meet on a fortnightly basis and provide an update report to the Environmental Scrutiny and Performance Panel in April 2012.
- 1.5. The initiation document produced at the meeting of the 12th December is attached as Appendix 1

Walsall Council Scrutiny and Performance Panel Work Group
Initiation Document

Work Group Name:	Littering Working Group
Panel:	Environment
Municipal Year:	2011/12
Lead Member:	TBA
Lead Officer:	Mark Holden
Support Officer:	Neil Picken
Membership:	Councillor Carpenter, Creaney, Fitzpatrick, Ilmann Walker

1.	Context
	The Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel identified littering as a potential Working Group when setting the work programme for 2011/12. An informal meeting was held with representatives of the Environment Scrutiny Panel to discuss and draft an initiation document on Monday 12 December, 2011.
2.	Objectives
	To review the operation and effectiveness of the Street Cleansing Service and make recommendations to Cabinet.
3.	Scope
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Resources • Staffing Levels • Litter Bins • Leaf Collections • Reviewing the Street Cleansing Report • Litter Bins • Physical Resources (Fleet and mechanical) • Fly Tipping • Walsall Town and District Centres • The effectiveness of Zoning Arrangements (Cleansing Teams) • Reporting Processes • Greenspaces • Powers of Enforcement • Legal requirements/Choice Functions • Education/Awareness
4.	Equalities Implications
	Careful consideration will be given to ensure that the working groups report and recommendations do not unfairly disadvantage any resident under the six strands of equality.
5.	Who else will you want to take part?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greenspaces Representative • Tom Evans (Cleansing Manager – Street Pride – Operational) • Rob Mitchell (Area Manager – Street Pride - Operational) • Caulie Grant (Senior Technical Officer – Street Pride) • Representative of the Town Centre Managers • Representative of the Area Managers • Enforcement • Resident Groups • Parks Friends Groups • Customer Contact Centre 									
Timescales & Reporting Schedule										
	Initial meeting shall be scheduled w/c 16 January, 2011 once membership agreed. It is anticipated that subsequent meetings shall take place fortnightly until such time that sufficient information has been gathered to inform the Working Groups Final Report.									
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Date Agreed:		Date Updated:	
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Draft Timetable:

Date	Activity(s)	Attendees/Action
WC 16/01/12	1. Agree Lead Member 2. Agree Lead Officer 4. Approve Programme of meetings 5. Overview of issues	Councillors, Head of Street Pride, Senior Democratic Services Officer.
W/C 30/01/12		
W/C 13/02/12		
09/02/12 (previously the 20th but rearranged by the Chair)	Update to Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel	
W/C 27/02/11		
W/C 12/03/12		
W/C 26/03/12		
05/04/12	Update to Environment Scrutiny and Performance Panel	