

Council Forum 28th March 2019

Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Committee continued to progress its work programme looking at the issues relating to Refuse Disposal and Recycling and the Council's Enforcement Policy. The Committee will put forward recommendations for the Executive Member to consider and respond to at the next meeting.

Waste Disposal and Recycling.

The Committee received information based on the scope and focus that they had agreed following the last meeting.

The Committee examined the work being carried out to ensure that recycling rates were increasing and that targets were met. The Committee examined how the service continued to perform and that this was as an efficient performing recycler and producer of effective services to meet the needs of the citizens of the borough and targets set by the government.

The Committee agreed that the Executive Member for Environment be requested to consider

- further publicity of the availability of the assisted bin collections for those in need of the service to ensure that collections are as inclusive and responsive to the needs of all users
- that further publicity and outreach work be undertaken to ensure that people are aware that larger bins are available for families etc. reducing the consequences of lack of space in bins.
- that the future development of civic amenity sites be reported to an appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee when in the early stages to enable the views of members to be incorporated.

Enforcement

The Committee looked at the policy relating to the Enforcement Action taken by the Council and its partners. The Committee examined the areas where the Council took enforcement action and the way that this was carried out. They looked at the difficulties of enforcement action and how this was carried out and the areas and age ranges that enforcement actions related to. The Committee agreed-

- That the work on enforcement be commended and especially those operatives on the ground who face intimidation and provocation in the course of their work.
- That a more detailed breakdown of the time spent in locations be provided to ensure that we can be sure that no area is receiving concentration of effort at the expense of others.

- That an information sheet be given to members on the ways in which CCTV or video evidence can be used by the Council to assist in obtaining prosecutions relating to enforcement

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