

Report Title: **Fly Tipping Scrutiny Review**

Report of: **Chair of Fly Tipping Scrutiny Review**

Wards(s) affected: **ALL**

1. Purpose

1.1 To consider deferring this review to the next municipal year

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Officers be instructed to report to the first Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting in the next Municipal Year on terms of reference for a detailed scrutiny review into fly tipping together with information about the way in which it could be undertaken so that consideration can be given to carrying out such a review.

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3. Executive Summary

3.1 The report explains why this review should be deferred to the next municipal year.

4. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)

4.1 N/A

5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

5.1 Previous reports and decisions

6. Finance, Legal and Equalities Comments

6.1 None as a result of this report.

7. Background,

7.1 In May 2005 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee used a new assessment process to agree a work programme for the Municipal Year 2005/6 which included a short scrutiny review (two Panel meetings) of fly tipping.

7.2 Although the new assessment process worked well and enabled the Committee to identify topics which tied in with Council objectives it did not take account of services' workloads with the result that Environmental Services were required to undertake six reviews. This is an issue which will be addressed this year so that as part of the assessment process Members will be made aware of the likely impact of reviews on services' workloads.

7.3 Because of the number of reviews being undertaken by Environmental Services it was decided to commence this review in late September so as to stagger the work involved. Once work commenced it became clear that fly tipping was a complicated area which could not be properly covered in a couple of meetings and that the review needed to be far wider than initially intended. As a result of meetings involving myself, scrutiny officers and officers from Environmental Services it was agreed that the issues which needed to be looked at included:

- . The way the Council responds when fly-tipping occurred.
- The problems caused by speedy removal of fly-tipped materials and how these might be addressed.
- The action which might be taken to explain the Council's waste management policies to new residents.
- The Council's current enforcement policy together with information as to its success.
- The problems caused by unlicensed waste operators and the action which might be taken including warning users of such service that they faced heavy fines.
- Fuller information about the action taken to prevent fly-tipping in Haringey including information about the services the Council and their contractors provide and the problems that occur.
- the legal remedies open to the Council, in particular the new powers which come into force next year.
- The resources available for dealing with fly-tipping and how they are utilised
- The way in which the Council's services compared to other Boroughs and whether any problems arise as a result of neighbouring Boroughs' waste management problems

- Liaison with the Environment Agency and the Police to take enforcement measures and whether this could be improved
- Partnership arrangements with the Environment Agency and , the use made of their fly tipping data base.

7.4 As there is insufficient time to undertake what could be a lengthy review before the election this scrutiny topic should be delayed until next year.