

## Appendix A

### FLY-TIPPING – SCRUTINY SCOPING REVIEW

#### Terms of Reference

To determine how it is possible for the Council to improve the way in which fly-tipping is dealt with in Haringey so as to provide a more cost-effective, responsive, environmentally friendly service.

#### Reasons for Review

There is widespread concern both at national and local level about the environmental and financial cost of fly-tipping which is an essential component of "Better Haringey".

Flt tipping is a complicated subject and a wide-ranging review of this area could take many months to complete. In order to ensure this review is properly focussed and is likely to achieve maximum effect it is proposed that scrutiny should be concentrated on either prevention, the fly tipping removal process or enforcement. It is always possible after the initial review is completed to scrutinise other aspects of the subject.

#### Membership (at present)

Councillor Winskill (Chair)  
Councillor Aitken  
Councillor Hare  
Councillor Lister

#### Scope of Review

Some of the following issues could be considered:

1. The extent of the problem in Haringey, including:
  - whether there are specific areas where fly-tipping occurs – including a map showing the hot spots
  - the incidence of organised fly-tipping
  - the types of waste dumped (e.g. white goods including fridge's hazardous waste etc) and who dumps it.
  - the way the Council responds when fly-tipping occurs
  - the problems caused by speedy removal of fly-tipped materials and how these might be addressed
  - trade waste arrangements and how we improve arrangements to reduce fly-tipping
  - skip management and the control of building waste
  - arrangements for the storage and collection of rubbish from flats and flats above shops
  - waste management arrangements on housing estates

- the processes for reporting fly tipping, the action taken and cost
  - the way in which the Client side take up such matters with the Council's contractors, including information about existing contractual arrangements and possible improvements when they becomes due for renewal.
  - the preventive action which could be taken by the Council including the publicity given to the problems caused by fly-tipping, education initiatives, the latest research, arrangements and charges for collecting and disposing of large items like fridges and the use and location of Civic Amenity Sites.
  - the effect of EEC and Government waste management legislation
  - London wide problems and the effect of neighbouring borough's waste management policies on Haringey
  - the problems caused by unlicensed waste operators and the action which might be taken including warning users of such service that they face heavy fines
  - the resources available to resolve fly- tipping issues and in particular the situation regarding the additional resources being made available for this purpose. The ways in which complaints about fly- tipping are actioned.
2. The legal position re fly- tipping on Council and non-Council land and the sanctions available to the Council.
  3. The action which might be taken to explain the Council's waste management policy to new residents.
  4. The role of the Environment Agency and the Police and the scope for partnership arrangements.
  5. What should be the enforcement priorities and policy for fly- tipping.
  6. The position regarding the use of CCTV – this is the subject of a separate review.
  7. The inclusion where appropriate in planning permissions of conditions regarding effective waste disposal arrangements during construction,
  8. Whether there should be set criteria for prioritising the removal of fly-tipped waste depending on it location and type, i.e. potentially dangerous waste
  9. The possibility of action through the Local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and should safer Neighbourhood Teams be more involved?
  10. Whether there are powers and enforcement strategies that if used would improve the situation, for example the use of Anti Social Behaviour Orders and vehicle seizures?
  11. Compare the Council's performance indicators with those for other Boroughs to identify whether there is an excellent authority the Council can learn from.
  12. Whether there should be set criteria for prioritising the collection of particular types of waste first?
  13. Whether greater use could be made of the national fly- tipping database and the feasibility of inter-borough action to identify and prosecute offenders?

## **Possible witnesses**

1. Council Officers (Environment, Housing, Town Centre Manager) and if appropriate the Lead Members
2. Waste service providers including ACORD and other providers.
3. Business representatives e.g. North London chamber of Commerce Institute of Directors.
4. The Environmental Agency, Community Volunteer Service, ECAMS, Institute of Waste Management, Jill Dando Institute of Crime Science and the Police.
5. Other Local authorities, if any, who are dealing with this issue in an innovative way
6. Local Government Agencies and the GLA and Capital Standards
7. CCTV providers
8. Experts – if any identified