

Scrutiny Review of Fly tipping on 24 October 2006

Report Title: Scope and Terms of Reference for the review	
Report of: Chair of the Review Panel	
Wards(s) affected: ALL	
<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>1.1 To note the scope and terms of reference for the Scrutiny Review of Fly tipping.</p>	
<p>2. Recommendations</p> <p>2.1 That the scope and terms of reference for the review as set out in this report be noted</p>	
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<p>3. Executive Summary</p> <p>3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has commissioned a scrutiny review of Fly tipping.</p> <p>3.2 In view of the potential for this review to be complex it has been agreed that this review will initially focus on preventative methods of fly tipping.</p>	
<p>4. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)</p> <p>4.1 N/A</p>	
<p>5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</p> <p>5.1 There are no background papers relating to this report.</p>	

6. The members of this review are Councillors David Winskill (Chair), Bob Hare, Harry Lister and Ron Aitken.

7. Purpose of the review

- 7.1 There is widespread concern both at national and local level about the environmental and financial cost of fly-tipping. In order to achieve the objectives of "Better Haringey it is important that the borough tackles the problem of fly tipping in a systematic way using resources from all appropriate sources; all this should be done in a timely way to provide value for money."
- 7.2 Fly 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 initially on prevention methods. Prevention is particularly important at the moment as the Government has recently issued best practise guidelines on this aspect (see item elsewhere on the agenda)
- 7.3 Once this initial review is completed consideration can be given to the need to carry out further scrutiny into, the fly tipping removal process or enforcement issues.

8. Terms of Reference

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

9. Scope of the Review

The following issues should 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 fridges hazardous waste etc) and who dumps it.
 - 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
 - the resources available to resolve fly-tipping issues and in particular the situation regarding the additional resources being made available for this purpose.

- The legal position re fly- tipping on Council and non-Council land and the sanctions available to the Council.
2. The action which might be taken to explain the Council's waste management policy to new residents.
 3. The role of the Environment Agency and the Police and the scope for partnership arrangements.
 4. The position regarding the use of CCTV – this is the subject of a separate review.
 5. The inclusion where appropriate in planning permissions of conditions regarding effective waste disposal arrangements during construction,
 6. The possibility of action through the Local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and should Safer Neighbourhood Teams be more involved?
 7. The possibility of using Anti Social Behaviour Orders and vehicle seizures to prevent fly-tipping.

10. Possible witnesses

1. Council Officers (e.g. Environment, Housing, Parks, Town Centre Manager) and if appropriate the Lead Members
2. Waste service providers including ACORD and other providers if they have suggestions for reducing amount of fly tipping that takes place.
3. Business representatives e.g. North London Chamber of Commerce Institute of Directors.
4. Defra, 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 preventive issue in an innovative way
6. Local Government Agencies and the GLA and Capital Standards
7. CCTV providers
8. Other experts – if any identified