

REPORT TO: Policy and Performance Review Committee

MEETING DATE: 17 June 2014

BY: Depute Chief Executive - Partnerships and Community Services

SUBJECT: Fly Tipping Update

1 PURPOSE

This report provides the Committee with a briefing on Fly Tipping.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Committee is requested to note the content of this report.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Members called for a report on the level of fly tipping having to be managed within the county.

3.2 The Council currently records reported incidences of fly tipping through the CRM and has done so over the last 4 years. However, a significant number of changes in policy towards Special Uplifts, lack of continuity in staff involved in recording reports and a lack of clarity between what is confirmed fly tipped material or straight forward incidences of excess litter and material that has just been wrongly presented or disturbed by youths after being presented for Special Uplift means any figures gathered on volume of fly tipping cannot be relied upon to give an accurate pattern of trends over a long enough period to provide meaningful data.

3.3 The recording of fly tipping has remained settled for the year 13/14 and this approach should remain in place for the future. On this basis the Council will, in future, be better placed to present meaningful figures that accurately record what is recognised as actual fly tipping, the localities within the county where problems are greatest, the likely sources broken down between domestic and commercial waste and the type of waste being dumped. These figures can then be jointly analysed between the teams with respective responsibility for enforcement / investigation, uplift

of dumped material and management of special uplifts / community recycling centres.

- 3.4 At present, the Council does not have the capacity to investigate to eventual prosecution or fixed penalty ticket issue, incidences of fly tipping. However, the Safer Communities Team are currently considering this issue to establish if the team could absorb the additional responsibility and if there would be benefit to the community in doing so.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial - None
6.2 Personnel - None
6.3 Other - None

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