

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Report**

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| Committee: | Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee |
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose is to provide an update to the Economy, Transport and Environment Select Committee on the development of a Fly-tipping Strategy for Hampshire.
- 1.2. This follows the decision taken by the Executive Member for Environment and Transport on 12 October 2016 to approve the development of a Fly-tipping Strategy for Hampshire by the County Council. The relevant decision report is attached as Appendix 1.

2. Contextual Information

- 2.1. On 19 July 2016 a report was presented to the ETE Select Committee concerning Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Service Efficiencies Implementation, ahead of the Executive Member for Environment and Transport's Decision Day on 22 July 2016, when the changes to the HWRC Service were agreed.
- 2.2. Whilst scrutinising that decision report, the Select Committee heard more about the proposal to develop a Fly-tipping Strategy for the county and how that would use a collaborative multi-agency approach to tackle the issue of fly-tipping on many different fronts. At that meeting the Select Committee specifically requested to be kept informed of future developments with regard to tackling fly tipping.
- 2.3. As per the Recommendations in Appendix 1 (see Section 7), a decision was then also taken on 12 October 2016 to approve the development of a Fly-tipping Strategy, with the proviso that a finalised version of the Strategy is brought back to the Executive Member at a later date. At the time of writing it is likely that the finalised version will be considered by the Executive Member on 23 March 2017.

- 2.4. This report seeks to update the Select Committee on progress since July; to draw the Committee's attention to the report considered by the Executive Member last month which addresses a number of the concerns previously raised by the Committee (see section 2 of Appendix 1) and to update the Committee on plans for further work to finalise the Strategy.

3. Draft Strategy

- 3.1. An initial draft Fly-Tipping Strategy based on existing knowledge and expertise both in Hampshire and nationally has been developed.
- 3.2. The draft Strategy sets out the background and drivers for change, before setting out key aims and objectives, which relate to the following three areas:
- Communications (*in support of changing behaviour and reducing fly-tipping*)
 - Reporting, Collection & Disposal (*in support of agreeing the most efficient and effective processes for dealing with fly-tipped waste*)
 - Investigation & Enforcement (*in support of maximising use of resources to achieve improved enforcement outcomes*)
- 3.3. Work will now be focussed on refining and enhancing the draft Strategy, and supplementing it with a detailed action plan, ahead of its proposed adoption in March. The Select Committee will be sent a copy of the action plan when it is available.

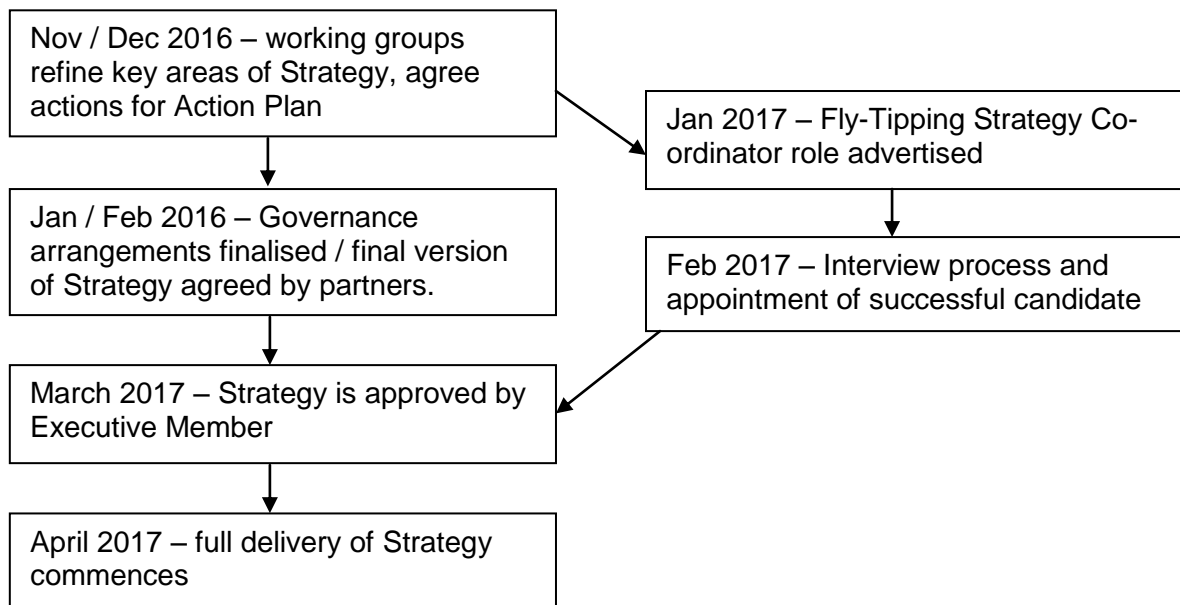
4. Progress to Date

- 4.1. A fly-tipping workshop was held on 8 September 2016 with a wide range of organisations in attendance (see Appendix A; para 3.3). The workshop sought to establish a basis for partnership working across Hampshire and to gain insight into the key priorities for the key bodies that would be represented in the partnership.
- 4.2. In particular, the workshop sought to address the three key aims of the draft Strategy (as listed in para 3.2), and generate ideas for how they may be addressed. A wide range of valuable suggestions were captured and will be utilised moving forwards.
- 4.3. Feedback from the delegates who attended the event has been very positive with delegates representing a range of partners volunteering to assist in the development of the Strategy and associated action plan. This has enabled the County Council to set up working groups to finalise details for the three key aims of the Strategy as referenced in para 3.2 above.
- 4.4. The working groups will be operational during the months of November and December and are taking on the key role of developing actions that will be taken in support of delivering the Strategy.
- 4.5. The workshop event confirmed that the initial draft Strategy (as outlined in 3.2), which was developed in advance of the workshop, meets the broad requirements of partners. Therefore work has now been able to progress to refining and enhancing the document and developing the action plan.

- 4.6. Following the workshop, more detailed plans have also been put in place with regards to the recruitment of a Fly-tipping Strategy Co-ordinator, who will oversee the delivery of the Strategy and associated actions.

5. Onward Timescales

- 5.1. The outline future timescales for development of the Strategy are as follows:



- 5.2. The process of developing a finalised Strategy will run in parallel to the County Council and partners taking ongoing positive action to help reduce fly-tipping, with a focus on any “quick wins” that may be achieved. The County Council has already taken positive steps by allowing traders to access HWRC sites for the first time (for a competitive charge), noting that the majority of fly-tipped waste is understood to arise from commercial and industrial operations.
- 5.3. In addition, the County Council is continuing to press the Government to reconsider its policy on charging for the use of Household Waste Recycling Centres as a change in policy would help sustain the long term future of Hampshire’s extensive network of HWRC sites. With reduced Government funding likely to put further pressure on an already stretched budget, it is considered to be vital that additional revenue streams are identified in order to maintain service levels in the future.

6. Conclusions

- 6.1. The development of the Fly-tipping Strategy, which was approved by the Executive Member for Environment and Transport last month, is now well underway and continues to secure positive engagement from partners.
- 6.2. The Fly-tipping Strategy will continue to be refined and enhanced through this partnership working, in particular via the development of an action plan, in advance of its proposed adoption by the Executive Member for Economy and Transport in March 2017.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

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| Hampshire safer and more secure for all: | yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |
| Maximising well-being: | yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |
| Enhancing our quality of place: | yes |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): | |

Other Significant Links

| Links to previous Member decisions: | | |
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| <u>Title</u> | <u>Reference</u> | <u>Date</u> |
| Household Waste Recycling Centre Service Efficiencies Implementation | 7534 | 22 July 2016 |
| Fly Tipping Strategy | 7822 | 12 October 2016 |

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

| <u>Document</u> | <u>Location</u> |
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| None | |

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

This report is an update to the Select Committee and is not proposing any change or decision, therefore it is considered that an equalities impact assessment is not required.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. Impact assessments are undertaken in advance of any formal executive decision. Information about those impact assessments, including equalities and impact on crime and disorder and on climate change, will be set out in the appendices to the relevant decision making reports. This report is an update to the Select Committee and is not proposing any change or decision, therefore an impact assessment is not required.

3. Impact on Climate Change:

- 3.1. How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?
- 3.2. How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

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