

Report of the Assistant Director (Communities, Culture & Public Realm)

## **Litter Management Policy and Procedure**

### **Summary**

1. This report seeks to detail the way in which we will ensure the levels of cleanliness in the public realm are maintained to an acceptable standard and seeks to highlight our need to bring about behavioural change with regards to the need for people to take responsibility for the correct disposal of their litter, by using litter bins or taking their litter home

### **Background**

2. As an organisation we aim to maintain our public realm to as high a standard possible utilising the resources available internally coupled with the resources available from the voluntary sector and partner organisations.
3. The policy and procedure details the Council's approach to encouraging residents and businesses, under the Smarter York agenda, to get involved in the delivery and planning of local services (See Annex 1).

### **Consultation**

4. In line with our Smarter York initiative, our Smarter York Officers are working with the Communities and Equalities team on increasing our volunteering offer to residents and businesses and at the same time seeking their commitment to the Smarter York agenda by sign up to the Smarter Charter.
5. Residents have been consulted via the Big York Survey, this policy will assist them to understand the ways and means that we use to maintain cleanliness standards and therefore increase positive perception levels.

## **Options**

- a) The principal options available are:
  - a. To implement the policy and procedure outlines in Annex 1.
  - b. To implement the outcomes identified in the current review of City Centre street cleansing regimes, which is looking at hours of work, use of modern machinery and training of frontline staff, If agreed this implementation would be completed in July of this year.
  - c. To undertake a Smarter York Spring Clean event over the four weeks covering Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April.
  - d. To undertake a publicity event on the 17<sup>th</sup> March to highlight the impact of careless disposal of litter on our streets and cost of street cleansing across the city.
  - e. To undertake a review of Commercial Waste operations in the city centre engaging with business, RIG, scrutiny, which will lead to an improved service and cleanliness of the city centre and reducing the levels of anti social behaviour.
  - f. We will invest future capital sums on upgrading our existing stock of litter and dog waste bins as well as expanding the use of solar powered compactor bins.
  - g. We will look to introduce the dual use of bins for litter and dog waste rather than have separate bins for each, where applicable. Bins will be clearly marked as dual use
  - h. To develop a new neighbourhood enforcement role as part of the development of the Anti-Social Behaviour Hub, proposed introduction September 2014.
  - i. To consider other ways of working outside of the proposed policy and procedure

## **Analysis**

- e) Option a to h) cc.
- f) Option i) This would detract from the good work already started and would reduce confidence that we will maintain cleanliness standards.

## **Council Plan**

- g) Through the proposed measures we will support the following areas of the Council Plan:
- Build Stronger Communities – by increasing our work with volunteers groups and individuals.
  - Protect the Environment – by maintaining a level of service required for each local area.
- h) We will also continue to use the Smarter York initiative as a driver for change and improvement in services.

### **Implications**

- i) There are no financial, human resources, equalities, legal, crime and disorder, IT, property or other implications beyond those outlined in the report.

### **Risk Management**

- j) There are no known risks.

### **Recommendations**

- k) The Cabinet Member is recommended to:
- i. Approve the policy and procedure in Annex 1
  - ii. Approve options b to h

Reason:

This will ensure cleanliness standards are maintained and continue increased ownership of the Smarter York agenda by both staff, residents and businesses

## **Annexes**

1 – Litter Management Policy and Procedure

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**Wards Affected:**

**All**



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