

# ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

## ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC PROTECTION TASK & FINISH GROUP 2021/22 UPDATE

### Review the Management of Fly Tipping within Carmarthenshire

#### To consider and comment on the following issues:

To consider, receive and accept the update of the Task and Finish Group and the Group's decision to defer the review until after the 2022 elections.

#### Reasons:

- The Task & Finish Group is required to report the progress of its work to its main scrutiny committee.
- To inform the Committee and seek that the Task and Finish group's decision to defer the review on the management of fly-tipping within Carmarthenshire until the 2022 municipal year be accepted.

#### To be referred to the Cabinet for decision: NO

#### Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder:

Councillor P. M. Hughes (Public Protection)

Councillor H.A.L. Evans (Environment)

#### Directorate:

Chief Executive's

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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#### Review the Management of Fly-Tipping within Carmarthenshire

At its meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021, the Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee endorsed the Planning and Scoping Document - To Review the Management of Fly Tipping within Carmarthenshire, agreeing its membership and that the review be commenced in September 2022.

The Task and Finish Group held its first meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and as part of its desktop review received a presentation from Officers on Fly-tipping. The presentation provided information which included, definition of fly-tipping, types, processes, statistics, legislation drivers and subsequent discussions regarding the challenges that the teams are being faced with.

In addition to the above, with the consent of the Chair, Group Members received a verbal update from the Director of Environment regarding internal matters that had arisen since the Scrutiny Committee agreement on its Task and Finish arrangements and the endorsement of the review planning and scoping document in July.

The Group, having considered all the information received, recognised that communities all over Carmarthenshire were having to endure an increase in fly-tipping which required specific attention. However, in light of the information received from the Director, the Group Members were sympathetic to the internal matters raised and felt that;

- by continuing the review at this time would place additional pressure on the limited staff resources available to assist the review due to staff having to prioritise their work in order to effectively resolve matters in relation to Planning.
- The impending staff re-alignment could essentially impact upon the current process of the internal management of fly-tipping. Therefore, allowing the completion of a staff realignment to take place before the commencement of the research would better inform the review.

Group Members were mindful that a delay in the commencement of the review to allow for the completion of the above, coupled with the timing of the upcoming Elections in May 2022, would further complicate and impede the submission of the final report to Cabinet prior to the pre-election period.

Therefore, the Group would like to report to the Members of the Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny that after considering all the information provided, members of the Task and Finish Group:-

**UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE TASK AND FINISH REVIEW ON THE MANAGEMENT OF FLYTIPPING WITHIN CARMARTHEN BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS 2022.**

The Group would like to emphasise to Scrutiny Committee Members that whilst this agreement was not taken lightly, the agreement to defer the review to 2022 would provide the best opportunity for Group Members to undertake the review and base its research on up-to-date information which would formulate valid conclusions and recommendations to Cabinet.

### **Next Steps**

Based on the Groups decision to defer the review, the Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee, will have an opportunity to include the Task and Finish Planning and Scoping Document on the review of the management of fly-tipping within Carmarthenshire and reaffirm the Membership of the Task and Finish Group by including it on the Committee's Forward Work Programme 2022/23.

**REPORT ATTACHED?**

**NO:  
Notes of the Task and Finish Group [8<sup>th</sup> September 2021]**

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones Head of Administration & Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	YES	NONE

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones Head of Administration & Law

1. Local Member(s) – N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – N/A
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations – Officers from the Public Protection and Environment teams have been made aware of the Groups decision.

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information**  
**List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:**

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Minutes- 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2021	<a href="https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=134&amp;Mid=4370&amp;Ver=4">https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=134&amp;Mid=4370&amp;Ver=4</a>