

Place, Sustainability & Climate Change Committee

Task & Finish Group 2022

To Review the Management of Fly Tipping within Carmarthenshire

Draft Planning & Scoping Document

Task & Finish Objective	To review and examine the issue of Fly-tipping and how the current policies, procedures and operational responsibilities are structured to manage fly-tipping on public and private land in Carmarthenshire.
Context	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee has a key role to play in monitoring services, development of key policies and strategies, as well as identifying areas for improvement or development within their remit.• Fly tipping is an increasing problem in Carmarthenshire. The consequence of fly tipping has a detrimental effect on the environment and communities.• Fly tipping has major impact on resources across various departments across the Council. Clearance, and remediation is costly, sometimes difficult and has implications of criminal activity.• The Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a review into the current internal processes and operational issues of fly tipping on public and private land in Carmarthenshire.• It is recognised that there is a lack of clarity on roles and responsibilities of various teams within Carmarthenshire and Natural Resources Wales, this has implications on resources through duplication of efforts resulting in inefficiency.• It is recognised that the authority are utilising resources on responding to complaints and that there is a lack of resources within the Authority to carry out investigations (which can be complex and time-consuming requiring specific skills) and there is a need to develop an approach to prevent issues from occurring.• Elected Members have raised this as a concern for residents throughout the County.

<p>The main aims of the review</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and review the definition and drivers of Fly-tipping Carmarthenshire. • Review the procedures and resources dedicated to receiving, clearing, and investigating fly-tipping. • Review of roles and responsibilities of the different teams and agencies. Exploring how the sharing of information between sections and other agencies is currently undertaken, structured and could be improved. • Formulate recommendations and actions for consideration by the Cabinet that can develop a strategic approach to reduce fly-tipping in Carmarthenshire.
<p>Scope of the review</p>	<p>This review will focus on the current policies, procedures and how operational responsibilities are structured in response to fly tipping on public and private land in Carmarthenshire.</p> <p>The review will need to explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The drivers of Fly-tipping in Carmarthenshire. • To identify and review other areas of the UK where there have been successful alterations to policies and procedures which have a positive impact on Fly Tipping. • To investigate best practice from other local authorities across the country in relation to Fly Tipping collection and handling. • To investigate best practice from other local authorities regarding Fly Tipping Education, Information Gathering, Surveillance, Enforcement and Prosecution techniques. • Exploring how the sharing of information between sections and other agencies is currently undertaken. • Review the current internal processes and operational issues of fly tipping on public and private land in Carmarthenshire. <p>The review will need to formulate recommendations and actions for consideration by the Cabinet that can develop a strategic approach to reduce fly-tipping in Carmarthenshire</p>

<p>How it will contribute to achieving corporate / community objectives and well-being objectives</p>	<p>Undertaking this review will coincide with the Council's Vision:- 'Life is for living, let's start, live and age well in a healthy, safe and prosperous environment'</p> <p>The review will contribute to the following Carmarthenshire's Well-being Objectives from the County Council's Corporate Strategy 2018-23 (http://intranet/media/654960/corporate-strategy-18-23.pdf):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Well <p>Wellbeing Objective 8 Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour & obesity)</p> <p>Wellbeing Objective 9 Supporting good connections with friends, family and safer communities</p> • Healthy, Safe and Prosperous Environment <p>Wellbeing Objective 12 Looking after the environment now and for the future</p> <p>Wellbeing Objective 15 Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources</p>
<p>List of key stakeholders [not exhaustive]</p>	<p><i>Direct Stakeholders</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Officers • Environmental Health Officers • Planning Officers • Customer Services Officers • Democratic Services <p><i>External Stakeholders to be consulted</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police (Incidents recorded, feedback) • Community Councils (Do they or would they assist with awareness/education). • Carmarthenshire residents • Natural Resource Wales (NRW) • Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service • National Farmers Union (NFU) • Farmers Union Wales (FUW) • Neighbouring Authorities • Fly tipping Action Wales • Keep Wales Tidy • Fly-tipping Action Wales • Common Land contacts • Brecon Beacons National Parks • Wales Tourist Board • Carmarthenshire Tourism Association • CADW • Others as identified

<p>What information / documents are required to inform the work of the study? [not exhaustive]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current data on number and types of fly tipping service requests • All Wales fly tipping matrix • Budget • Corporate Enforcement Policy • The Corporate Local Environmental Quality Strategy • Corporate Strategy
<p>Membership</p>	<p>Up to 6 Elected Members</p> <p>A politically balanced membership of up to 6 Councillors to be agreed at the Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Advisors / Support Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Morgan (Head of Housing and Public Protection) • Daniel John (Interim Head of Waste and Environmental Services) • Geinor Lewis (Waste Strategy and Policy Manager) • Sue Watts (Environmental Protection Manager) • Robert Williams (Public health Lead) • Hugh Towns (Regional Mineral and Waste Planning Manager) • Stephen Thomas, Senior Enforcement and Monitoring Officer • Gary Baxter (Grounds and Cleansing Manager) • Steven Raymond (Environmental Enforcement Manager) • Janine Owen (Democratic Services Officer)
<p>Timescale for completion of the review</p>	<p>Commencement date is subject to agreement by the Place, Sustainability and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee on 24th November 2022.</p> <p>Review to be completed within the 2022/23 Municipal year.</p>