

1st February 2024

Report of the Chair of the Infrastructure, Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee

Matters referred to Cabinet in accordance with the Overview Rules

Scrutiny Committee	Title of Matter referred	Date of Scrutiny meeting
Infrastructure, Safety and Growth	Ending Plastic Pollution	17/01/24

Exempt Information

None.

Purpose

To notify Cabinet of the report and recommendations from the Future High Street Fund item that was discussed at the meeting of the Infrastructure, Safety and Growth Scrutiny Committee on the 1st February 2024.

Recommendations

Following consideration of the item the Committee agree to the following recommendations being made to Cabinet:

1. Look at the feasibility of a trial to strategically site some dual use bins around the town with ongoing communications to explain and encourage the correct use.

(Moved by Councillor C Dean and seconded by Councillor B Clarke)

Back Ground Information

Following a petition at Full Council on the 28th February 2023, the Committee made the following resolution -

RESOLVED That Council

1. Work towards the elimination of the use of landfill for waste disposal
2. Ensure that in public spaces are clean and free of plastic waste

3. Support education initiatives to better inform the public on how to use recycling facilities and the importance of eliminating plastic waste
4. Facilitate the cooperation of local businesses, residents and local authorities to work together on the elimination of plastic pollution and reduce the use of plastic in Tamworth.

(Moved by Councillor D Cook and seconded by Councillor M Cook)

The item was discussed under Matters referred to scrutiny by the Committee on 13th September 2023 when they were provided with a response from Steve Gee (Operations Manager, Joint Waste Service) to resolutions 1,2 and 4.

The Committee agreed for the item to be added to the workplan at a later date when Officers from the Joint Waste Service and Street Scene could attend.

Executive Summary

At the meeting of the Infrastructure, Safety and Growth Committee on the 17th January 2024 Hannah Peate, Assistant Director for Environment, Culture and Wellbeing and the Operations Manager, Mark Greaves attended to provide a verbal update on the second resolution alongside the report provided at the previous meeting.

The Committee were advised that whilst the Council ensure that all public spaces are clear and litter free, all litter dealt with in the same way including plastics and is incinerated at Lower House Farm rather than via Landfill.

It was discussed that if any new schemes were to be considered that ongoing communication and messages around the issue would be key.

The Committee discussed piloting a scheme to look at multi use bins and moved a resolution to be presented to Cabinet.

Options Considered

None.

Key considerations

1. Scrutiny committees have statutory powers to make recommendations to the Executive, and the Executive (Cabinet) has a statutory duty to respond. They may also make reports and recommendations to external decision-making bodies.
2. The agenda for Executive meetings shall include a standing item entitled 'Matters Referred to the Cabinet In Accordance with the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules'. The reports of overview and scrutiny committees and sub-committees referred to the Executive shall be included at this point in the agenda (unless they have been considered in the context of the Executive's deliberations on a substantive item on the agenda) within one calendar month of the overview and scrutiny committee or sub-committee completing its report/recommendations.

3. Scrutiny recommendations are addressed to the Cabinet, as the main Executive decision-making body of the council (or, where appropriate, an external agency).
4. Cabinet is being asked to note the scrutiny report / recommendations and that an Executive Response to the scrutiny recommendations be prepared for consideration by the Cabinet within two months from receiving the report or recommendations.
5. The minutes of the meeting of the scrutiny committee provide the record of the scrutiny committee's consideration of the issue and the scrutiny recommendations made during the meeting.
6. The scrutiny committee will be notified of the Executive Response made in respect to the scrutiny recommendations and may track the implementation of the Cabinet decisions and any actions agreed. This enables the scrutiny committee to track whether their recommendations have been agreed, what actually was agreed (if different) and review any outcomes arising

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