

## London Borough of Enfield

### Environment and Climate Scrutiny Panel – 09<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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#### Subject: Fly tipping Update

**Cabinet Member:** Cllr Rick Jewell  
**Executive Director:** Sarah Cary

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#### Purpose of Report

1. To inform the panel on the work undertaken across the Council in relation to fly tipping.

#### Relevance to the Council Plan

2. Priority One of the Enfield Council Plan 2023 to 2026 identifies “clean and green spaces” and in particular to “keep our streets and public spaces clean and welcoming.”

#### Background

3. Fly tipping dumped waste (e.g. black bags), and littering adversely affect the quality of the local environment and give a negative perception of the look and feel of the borough. These activities also influence how an area is perceived by residents, workers, visitors, and investors.

Local authorities have a duty to clear fly-tipped material from relevant land in their areas and deal with most of the fly-tipping on public land, investigating these and carrying out a range of preventative and enforcement actions. Responsibility for dealing with fly-tipping on private land rests with private landowners

To prevent fly tipping occurring in the first instance we provide information and advice to residents; a free bulky waste collection service; recycling opportunities including the provision of specific recycling centres (e.g. Barrowell Green).

Unfortunately, despite these attempts and where fly tipping persists then we will seek to investigate and undertake proportionate enforcement action. This will include the issue of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs), Statutory Notices/Warnings and may ultimately result in prosecution through the Courts by virtue of the Single Justice Procedure (SJP). The SJP can be used where an individual or company has been charged with a minor criminal offence, then the case may be decided by a magistrate without going to court. Hence if an FPNs is not paid then we may seek to prosecute the offender for the substantive offence (i.e., dropping litter/fly tipping).

The Waste Enforcement Team have also started to utilise CCTV to assist in the investigation of waste offences. It is anticipated that greater use of

CCTV will be undertaken as more cameras are brought online and this area is expanded.

The team will also be launching the "Can You Help?" social media page. This will enable 'stills' from Waste Enforcement Cameras to be uploaded to social media where residents can assist with our investigations.

### **Main Considerations for the Panel**

4. To consider the ongoing strategy of preventing fly tipping in the first instance; and then where this occurs the investigation and enforcement options around this.

### **Conclusions**

5. The Council will continue to try to change behaviour of individuals to prevent fly tipping in the first instance using education and media campaigns. Where problems persist and waste offences occur officers in Waste Enforcement will investigate and take proportionate enforcement action.

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**Appendices:** PowerPoint Presentation

### **Background Papers**

None