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Wednesday 13 January 2021

Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel

The **Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel** will meet in a **Virtual Meeting - online** at **2.00 pm** on **Thursday 21 January 2021**.

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view via the Council's website.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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Julie Muscroft

Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning

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The Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel members are:-

Member

Councillor Harpreet Uppal (Chair)

Councillor Martyn Bolt

Councillor John Taylor

Councillor Richard Eastwood

Councillor Yusra Hussain

Councillor Gwen Lowe

Chris Friend (Co-Optee)

Eilidh Ogden (Co-Optee)

Andrew Bird (Co-Optee)

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

Pages

1: Membership of the Committee/ Apologies

This is where Councillors who are attending as substitutes will say for whom they are attending.

2: Interests

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The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

3: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8th December 2020.

4: Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

5: Public Question Time

The Board will hear any questions from the general public. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, questions must be submitted to executive.governance@kirklees.gov.uk no later than 10am on 20 January 2021

6: Deputations/Petitions

The Panel will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (2), Members of the Public should provide at least 24 hours' notice of presenting a deputation.

7: Additional Restrictions Grants

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To update the Panel on the roll out of Government COVID-19 business grants being administered by the Council and to seek the Panel's views on the future priorities for the discretionary Additional Restrictions Grant scheme.

Contact:
Chris Duffill , Head of Service, Business and Skills

8: Fly Tipping - Update

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The panel will receive a presentation giving an update on Fly Tipping.

Contact:
Will Acornley, Head of Operational Services

9: Community Champions Grant Scheme Update

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Jill Greenfield, the Service Director for Customer and Communities and Linda Johnson, Improvement and Relationships Manager, will update the Panel on the Community Champions Grant Scheme.

Contacts:
Jill Greenfield, Service Director for Customer and Communities
Linda Johnson, Improvement and Relationships Manager, Customer and Communities

10: Work Programme 2020/21

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To consider the Panel's Work Programme 2020/21

Contact: Jodie Harris, Principal Democratic and Engagement Officer

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KIRKLEES COUNCIL				
COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC				
DECLARATION OF INTERESTS				
Economy & Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel				
Name of Councillor				
Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")	Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]	Brief description of your interest	

Signed: Dated:

NOTES

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
- (b) either -

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Contact Officer: Leigh Webb

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL

Tuesday 8 December 2020

- Present: Councillor Harpreet Uppal (Chair)
Councillor Martyn Bolt
Councillor Richard Eastwood
Councillor Yusra Hussain
- Co-optees: Andrew Bird
Eilidh Ogden
- In attendance: Councillor Peter McBride – Deputy Leader and
Cabinet Member for Regeneration
Councillor Paul Davies – Cabinet Member Culture
and Environment
Councillor Naheed Mather – Cabinet Member
Greener Kirklees
- Apologies: Chris Friend (Co-optee)

- 1 Membership of the Committee**
Apologies were received from Chris Friend (Co-optee).
- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2020 be agreed as a correct record.
- 3 Interests**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 4 Admission of the Public**
All items were considered in public session.
- 5 Deputations/Petitions**
No deputations or petitions were received.

6. **Public Question Time**

No questions were asked under this item.

7. **Active Travel**

The Panel received a report setting out details of the current influences on Kirklees Council's vision for an Active Travel Strategy along with some of the next steps to developing the Strategy.

The report set out the Major Project Team programmes and projects that are underway, and that incorporate walking and cycling provision. In addition, the council has several service areas or teams where cycling as an activity is promoted:

- Development of a school transport strategy
- Road safety team
- Place Partnership Profiles– active travel
- Behaviour Change Work
- E-bike and E-scooter- council fleet of 4 e-bikes and national e-scooter trial (alongside EV and charging points)

It was reported that there are several additional projects in various stages of investigation or development which have arisen because of planning applications being progressed and funding being secured, from work carried out by partners, e.g. Sustrans or from work the Council is involved in to improve Public Rights of Way or urban paths, including:

- Meltham Greenway
- Calder Valley Greenway- Mirfield extension
- Dalton to Deighton Greenway-Phase 1
- Spen Valley College - Links to Spen Valley Greenway
- Brookroyd Gardens - links to existing cycle route
- Wilton Park Cycle Route
- Spen Valley Greenway - East Extension
- Meltham Greenway - Phase 2
- Town Investment Plan (Dewsbury Town Plan 2021)

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) are being developed for the region, to help the Combined Authority and its partner councils prioritise future investment in walking and cycling infrastructure in West Yorkshire, enabling more people to walk and cycle for everyday journeys. LCWIPs will help inform future investment in provision for cycling and walking, and form part of a future connectivity pipeline across all modes of transport serving the Leeds City Region, as well as potentially helping to influence local planning processes. Future investment in walking and cycling, informed by these LCWIPs, will help to deliver the policies and targets of the West Yorkshire Transport Strategy 2040.

John Lewis, Chair of the Kirklees Cycling Campaign, was invited to the meeting to respond to the report and input into the item from the Group's perspective. A copy of the response had been provided Panel members in advance of the meeting.

During discussion of this item, the Panel highlighted the following issues and comments in relation to the development of an active travel strategy:

- There is room for improvement in respect of linkages. It should be a priority to develop linkages outside the major highway construction projects.
- Wider engagement is needed with both the cycling community and non cycling community
- Secure cycle parking and changing facilities are needed to encourage behavioural change.
- There needs to be a balance between connectivity for cars/cyclists and walkers.
- Off road solutions are much more preferable for non cyclists as a means of accessing town centres and avoiding busy main roads

RESOLVED –

That the comments and views of the Panel be considered as part of the development of an Active Travel Strategy

8 Air Quality Update

The Panel received a presentation setting out progress in respect of air quality and initiatives to improve air quality levels. The presentation included information relating to:

- Air Quality monitoring update from the Annual Status Report (ASR)
- Air Quality Action Plan progress
- Ongoing and future Air Quality project Delivery
- Covid impact on Air Quality (lockdown 1)

With regard to progress against the Air Quality Strategy Action Plan adopted in 2019, the presentation highlighted the following initiatives and actions:

- Created and recruited to a new Air Quality Delivery Team - The need for resource support in order to achieve the aims of the plan was quickly identified. The council has created a delivery team of project officers, team leader and operational manager to work with, engage and support partners in their commitments to deliver a program of works contained within the Action Plan.
- Declared a Climate Emergency- January 2019- Following the declaration of a Climate Emergency work was commenced to deliver Carbon reductions across the district. There is an important link between the Climate Emergency and Air Quality to bring about environmental improvements.
- West Yorkshire Low Emission Strategy- A regional West Yorkshire Low Emissions Officer was appointed to evaluate the progress of the West Yorkshire Low Emission Strategy (WYLES). This is increasing local authority partnership working to undertake a review of the regional actions required to improve air quality for all residents.

It was reported that in addition, the following work is ongoing with other lead service areas on holistic approaches which contribute towards improving air quality:

- Council Fleet conversion to Electric, installation of EV chargers, trials of other electric vehicles and equipment
- Taxi licensing, Active Travel, Highways, Major Projects, Planning, Public Health
- Collaborative working with WYCA and neighbouring authorities through attendance of zero emission and EV infrastructure working groups

During discussion of this item, the Panel acknowledged the link between active travel and air quality; advised on the need for further education and work with schools to reduce school run traffic and prevent idling outside schools; and the importance of infrastructure measures to encourage the use of electric vehicles and cycles.

The Chair referred to the issue of incentivising taxis to switch to electric to encourage a greener, less polluting fleet.

RESOLVED –

That the presentation be noted.

9. Recycling Update

The Panel received a presentation setting out information relating to the delivery of waste services during Covid and an update in respect of the Resources and Waste Strategy Update.

With regard to performance it was reported that 99.72% of collections had been undertaken without complaint.

In respect of the issue of bulky waste it was acknowledged that there had been some delays. It was reported that plans were underway for the introduction of a booking system around bulky collections.

During discussion of this item, the Panel highlighted the importance of educating residents with clear and concise information about which items can be recycled and how. Furthermore where there are delays or changes, ongoing communication with residents at an early stage is essential

RESOLVED- That the Panel places on record its appreciation for all the hard work and excellent performance of the waste service during the Covid Period.

10. Work Programme

The Panel's Work Programme for 2020/21 and forthcoming items/activities was submitted.

The Chair informed the Panel that a report on the implementation of the Grant Schemes during Covid would be submitted to the January meeting of the Panel, following a request from Councillor Smaje.

RESOLVED –

1. That the work programme be noted.
2. That major highway schemes should be considered by this Panel in advance of the Cabinet making decisions

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Name of meeting: ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL

Date: 21 January 2021

Title of report: COVID-19 business grants update

Purpose of report:

To update the Panel on the roll out of Government COVID-19 business grants being administered by the Council and seek the Panel's views on the future priorities for the discretionary Additional Restrictions Grant scheme.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)</u>?	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	David Shepherd 13 January 2021
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	n/a
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	n/a
Cabinet member portfolio	Cllr Graham Turner

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: N/a

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? Yes, n/a

1. Summary

1.1 This report

- updates the Panel on the roll out of Government COVID-19 business grants being administered by the Council
- seeks the Panel's views on the future priorities for the discretionary Additional Restrictions Grant scheme.

Officers will give a presentation with updated information on the volume and value of business grant payments at the meeting.

2. Information required to take a decision

- 2.1 In November 2020, the Government established a series of grant schemes to provide support for businesses required to close as a result of the second national lockdown, which commenced on 5th November, or otherwise significantly impacted by local and then Tier 2 restrictions in place from 5th August. The grant schemes are as follows:
- *Local Restrictions Support Grant (LRSB) (Closed)* – this applies to all businesses mandated to close by Government and who are registered to pay business rates and has been in operation during the November lockdown, the move to Tier 3 in December 2020 and the current lockdown; grants range from £1,334 to £3,000 per 28 day period, dependent on rateable value, and are paid on an ongoing basis
 - *LRSB (Sector)* – this grant scheme was specifically to cover nightclubs and sexual entertainment venues that Government required to close in March and have never re-opened; the grant covered a period in November but has now been subsumed within the LRSB (Closed) scheme
 - *LRSB (Open)* – this scheme provided grants to hospitality, accommodation and leisure businesses who were significantly impacted by local and then Tier 2 restrictions in place from 5 August-5th November 2020 and subsequently for businesses that were impacted but remained open during the following period Kirklees was in Tier 3; the scheme
 - *Christmas Support Payment for wet-led pubs*; this is a one-off payment for pubs that predominantly serve alcohol rather than provide food and were severely impacted by COVID-19 restrictions, with eligible businesses receiving a grant of £1,000
 - *Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG)* – this is a discretionary grant scheme that was approved by Cabinet in November 2020 and aims to address gaps in the above schemes, including non-rate paying businesses required to close; businesses forming part of the retail, hospitality and leisure supply chains that are severely impacted by the virus; and self-employed residents or other home-based businesses that have not been able to secure Government financial support.
- 2.2 In addition, on 5th January 2021 in response to the return to national lockdown the Government announced a one-off additional payment of up to £9,000 for rate-paying businesses that have been required to close, and allocated further funding for the ARG scheme to support businesses through the current lockdown period.
- 2.3 As of 12th January 2021 the Council had received 2,938 applications for support across all of the grant schemes and made payments totalling £10.3m. Updated information will be presented to the Panel at the meeting.
- 2.4 The Additional Restrictions Grant is the most flexible grant scheme currently available to the Council to support business resilience and recovery. The funding is available to the Council for both the 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial years. The first round was launched in early December 2020 and over 400 applications have been received. A further round of applications will commence by early February 2021 and the views of the Panel on future priorities for the fund will be sought.

3. Implications for the Council

Working with people

- 3.3 The proposals will support the Council's efforts to work together with people and communities to find shared solutions. The Council has drawn on learning from the implementation of the various Government grant support schemes and this will inform delivery of the ARG and other schemes moving forward. The operation of the scheme will be kept under regular review in response to business feedback.

Working with Partners

- 3.4 The Council will continue to work with key stakeholders including WYCA/Leeds City Region LEP, the Mid Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Federation of Small Businesses to develop the grant programmes.

Place Based Working

- 3.5 The schemes are supporting those businesses and charities that have been unable to secure grant support to date, including those in some of the area's most deprived communities.

Climate Change and Air Quality

- 3.6 The grant programme is supporting those businesses/charities with ongoing costs that have been most affected by COVID-19. Whilst the implementation of the grant programmes is unlikely to have a significant, direct impact on climate change, the Council will ensure that the climate emergency and opportunities for low carbon growth are central to the recovery planning process.

Improving Outcomes for Children

- 3.7 The grant programme is supporting charities and other VCS organisations working with children and young people.

Other (legal/financial/human resources)

- 3.8 Grants are being processed by members of the Business and Skills, Business Rates and wider finance teams. The grant schemes are being operated in accord with extant State Aid regulations and the Council is required to produce regular monitoring reports for BEIS.

4. Consultees and their opinions

- 4.1 As set out in section 3.4, a number of key stakeholders continue to be engaged on the delivery of the grant programme.

5. Officer recommendations and reasons

- 5.1 The report:

- updates the Panel on the roll out of Government COVID-19 business grants being administered by the Council
- seeks the Panel's views on the future priorities for the discretionary Additional Restrictions Grant scheme.

6. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

N/a

7. Contact officer

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8. Background Papers and History of Decisions

N/a

9. Service Director responsible

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Economy & Infrastructure Environment Services

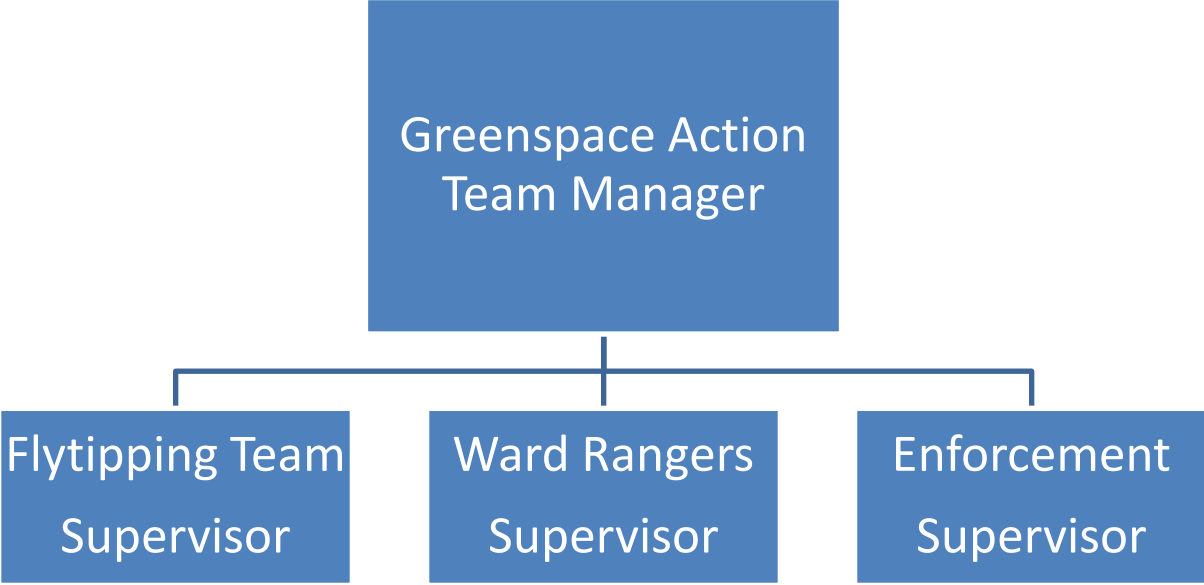
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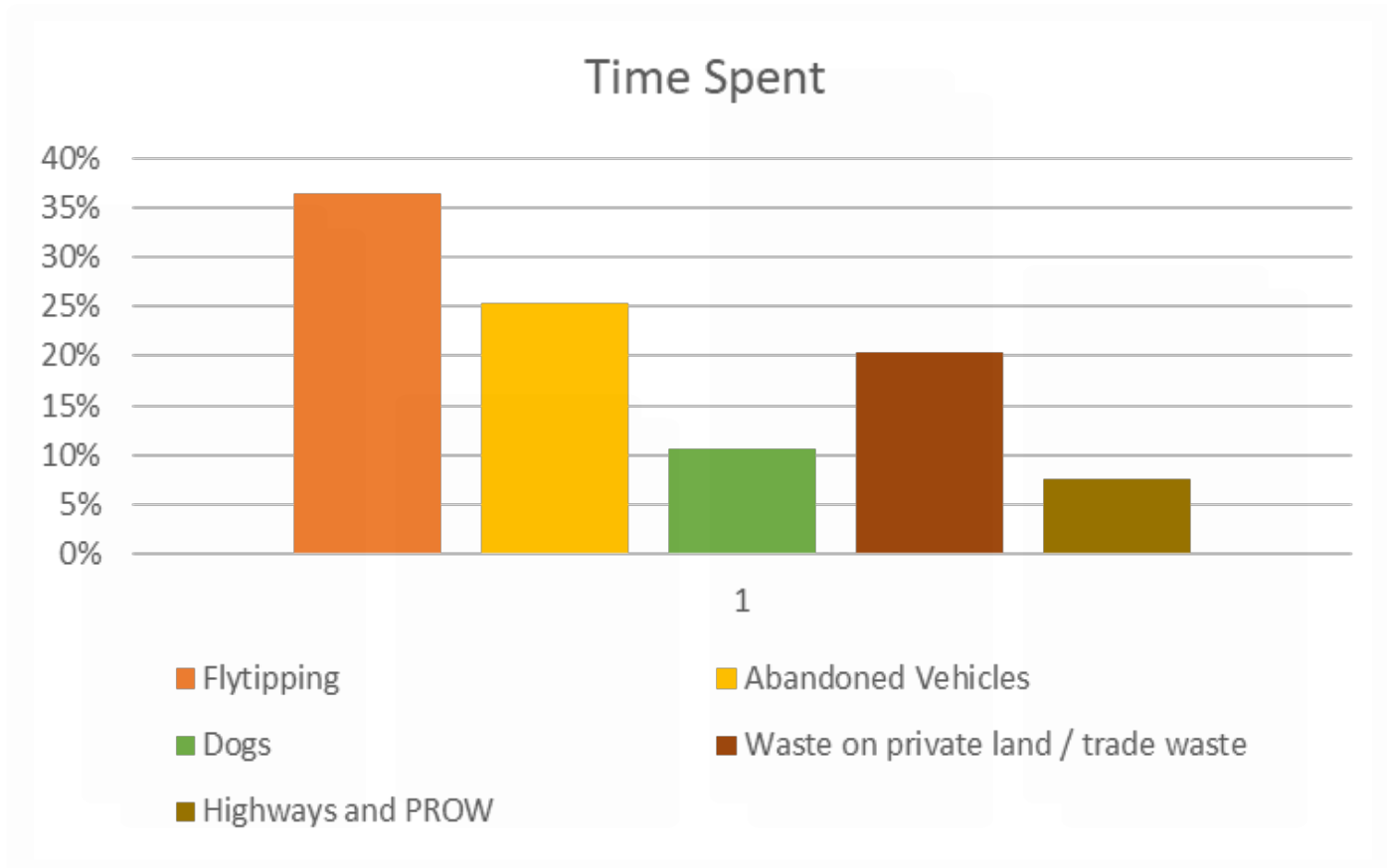
Agenda

1. Greenspace Action Team
2. Fly Tipping
3. Enforcement
4. Ward Ranger
5. CCTV
6. Education





How GAT spend their time



What is Fly Tipping?

- Dumping unwanted things on land that isn't yours, or out on the street is classed as fly tipping (incl. grass cuttings and other garden waste).
- Anything less than a bag full we would usually treat as littering.



Fly tip Paul Lane Mirfield



Byram Court Huddersfield



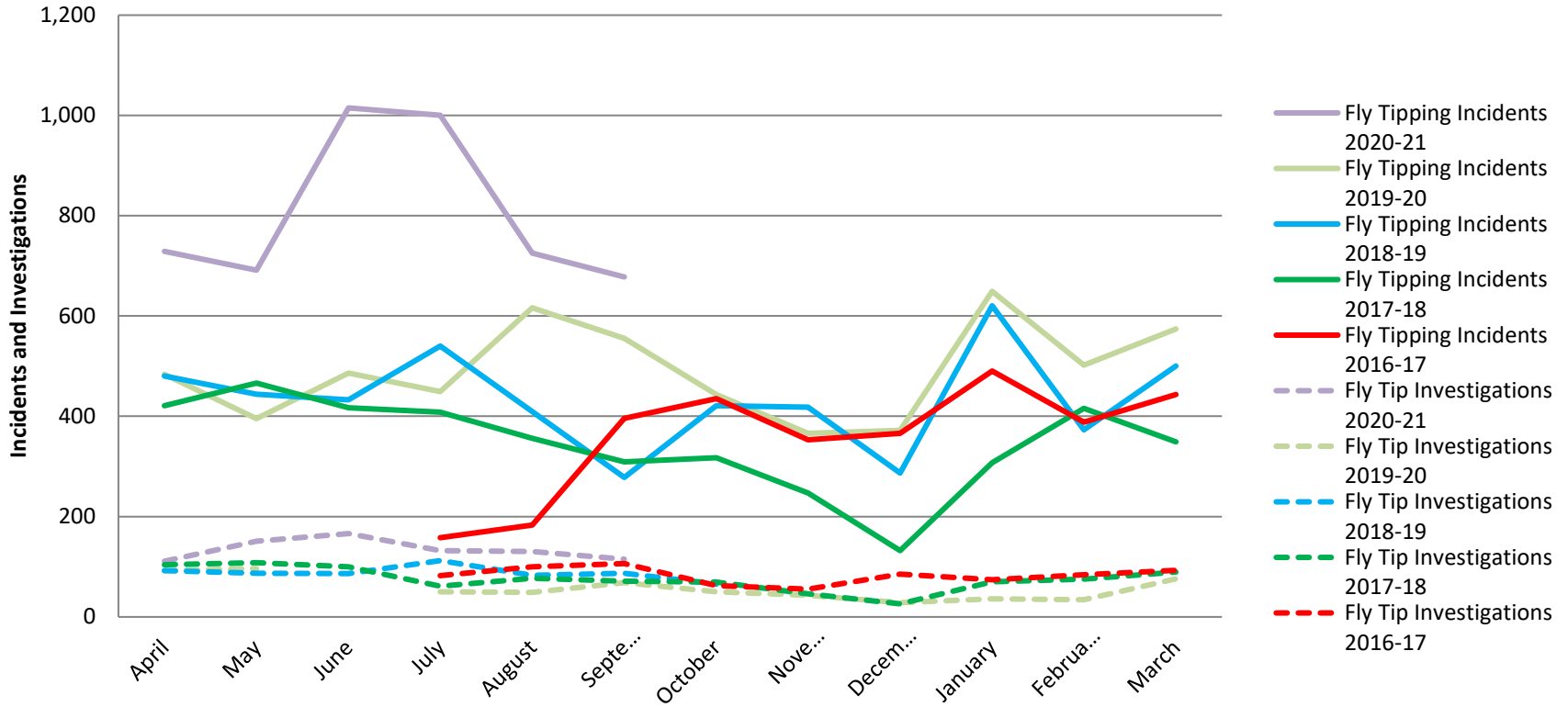
Top 4 Fly Tipped Items

1. Household waste & Black Bags - 50%
2. Construction waste - 10%
3. White Goods - 9%
4. Other - 26%

Source: WasteDataFlow.org Oct 2019 - Sep 2020

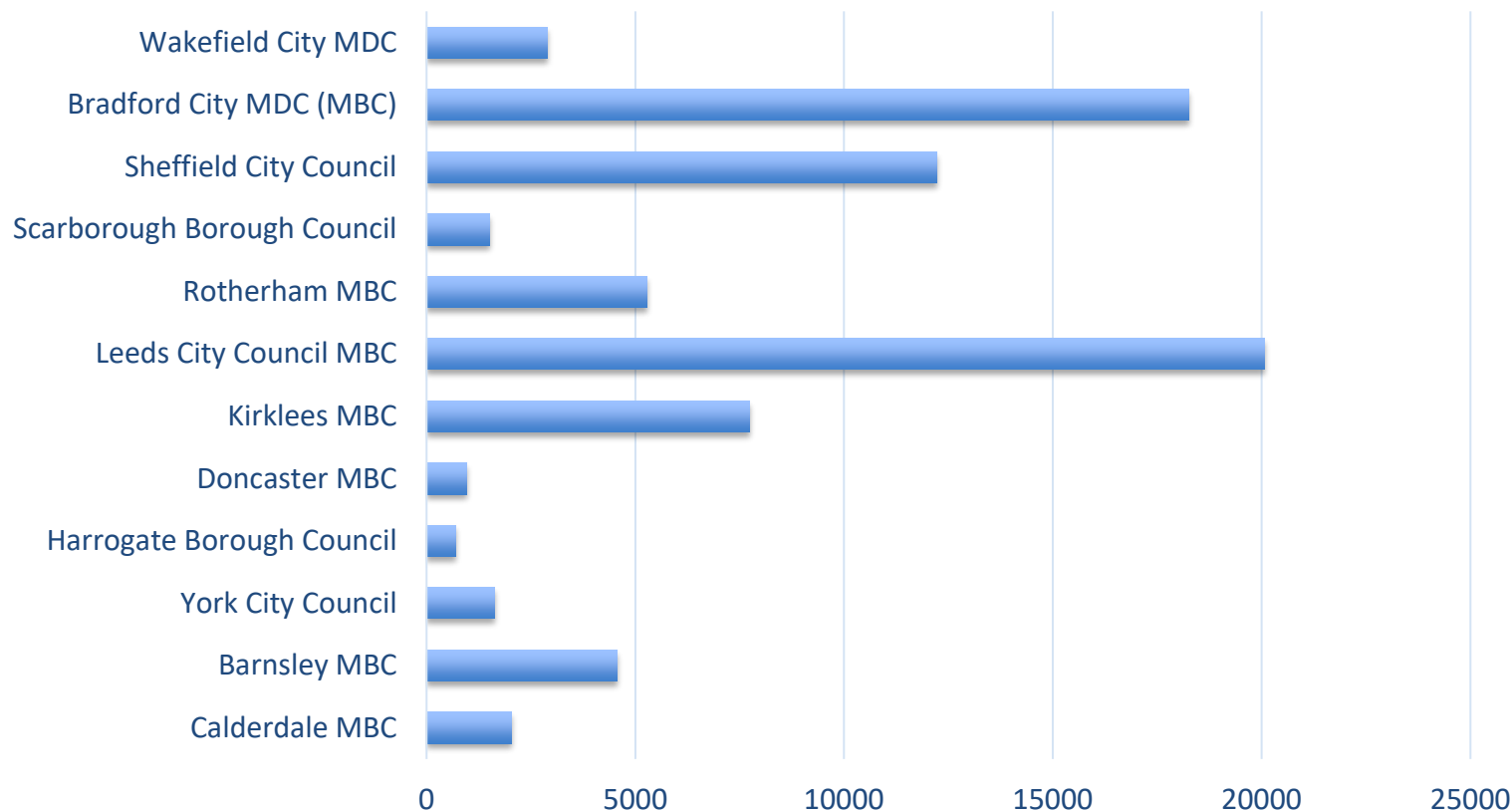


Fly Tipping Incidents and Investigations



Yorkshire Fly Tipping Totals

Source - Waste Data Flow Fly Tipping Incidents Oct 2019- Sep 2020



New Approach

- New team to focus on clearing Flytipping and collecting evidence
- All council land and unregistered land
- Enforcement deal with private land
- Link to online dashboard
- Waste cleared within 3 working days
- We work closely with Safer Kirklees Environmental Community Support Officer that engage with the community and educate



Greenspace Action Team (GAT)

Enforcement

- Investigate waste complaints on all land within Kirklees
- Will serve notice forcing landowner to clear
- Will take statements to prosecute anyone that has been seen dumping waste
- They also deal with dog issues, PROW infringements, abandoned vehicles, PSPO's, other waste issue
- Issue fixed penalty tickets
- Prosecute offenders



Successful Prosecution

Good evidence that can lead us to the offender	Witness, letter's, vehicle details, dates, times, location description of people
Willingness to make a statement	Understanding what they are doing and may have to go to court
Officers following every lead	Recording & investigating everything
Formal interview offenders under caution	Opportunity for the accused to give their side of events.
Deciding appropriate action case by case after review the full file	Nothing, formal caution, FPN or prosecution
File to Legal	Day in court - Outcome



Prosecutions: Jan – Dec 2020

Offences

- Fly tipping Sec 33/34 Total 15
- CPN issued Total 40
- Non Compliance CPN Sec 43 Total 7

Courts Results 2020 – 8

20/02/20 - Flytipping EPA 1990 Sec 34 – Caution with Costs/Clearance £580

25/02/20 - Flytipping EPA 1990 Sec 33/34 – Case Dismissed

26/02/20 - Flytipping EPA 1990 Sec 33/34 - Community order 12 month 300 hr unpaid work Cost £1600
clearance £425 Victim Surcharge £85

11/03/20 - Flytipping EPA 1990 Sec 33/34 - Pleaded Guilty Fine £320 Cost £810 Victim Surcharge £32

28/09/20 – Flytipping EPA 1990 Sec 33 - Conditional Discharge for 6 months – costs £99 plus victim
surcharge of £21

12/10/10 - Breach of CPN ASB Act 2014 Sec 43 - Conditional Discharge for 24 months , costs £250 and
£20 surcharge

21/10/20 - Flytipping EPA 1990 Sec 33 -Guilty plea – Fine £461 , Victim Surcharge £46 , costs £390 - total
£ 897 to be paid @£200 a month

04/11/20 - Flytipping EPA 1990 Sec 33 - Guilty plea Fined £40 Victim surcharge £32 Costs £400



CCTV

- New to support the Flytipping trial
- Two types
 - Mobile
 - Static – attach to lampposts
- Deployment
 - Intelligence based evidence
 - Survey for site suitability
- Restrictions
 - Limited resource
 - Team capacity



Greenspace Action Team

Ward Rangers



Types of works deliverable by the Ward Team

- Removal of flyposting
- Graffiti removal - Enforcement will be dealing with issue if on a private property
- Vegetation cut back – On Kirklees land – work with land owner
- Street furniture cleaning/painting
- Small scale highways repairs – link in with Highways
- Public Rights of Way works such as stile repairs – Link in with enforcement to work with land owners
- Cut back on PROW – Work with landowners
- Chemical vegetation control on Council land/Public Rights of Way
- Fly tipping removal
- Area deep cleans – Kirklees land, if private land work with land owners, if issues are unable to be resolved enforcement will become involved
- Grubbing out of weeds
- Clean signs, litter bins, landscape changes



Refresh Ward offer November 2020 January 2021

Wards	CIlr requests completed	Pro active work	Projects
Almondbury	11	11	1
Ashbrow	2	7	1
Batley East	3	2	
Batley West	5	1	
Birstall and Birkenshaw	0	1	
Cleckheaton		1	
Colne Valley	0	5	1
Crossland Moor/Netherton	2	8	
Dalton	26	9	2
Denby Dale	6	23	
Dewsbury East	20	12	2
Dewsbury West	1	1	
Dewsbury South	4	8	
Greenhead	3	22	1
Golcar	0	1	
Heckmondwike	1	9	
Holme Valley North	17	1	
HolmeValley South	2	1	
Mirfield	17	13	
Liversedge	3	18	
Lindley	4	6	
Newsome	2	20	2
Kirkburton	4	2	2
	133	182	12



Before and after photographs



Project Work



Community Champions Scheme- Scrutiny Update 12.01.21

Background

- Since Public Health England released their review of disparities in risks and outcomes in June 2020, the Government has been focused on taking action to improve the support and protection for those communities and groups who have been shown to be most at risk from COVID 19.
- The review highlighted that some communities are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, both in transmission rates and in mortality - most notably Pakistani and other South Asian communities, wider Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities and people with disabilities. Death rates from the virus are higher for Black and Asian ethnic groups when compared to White ethnic groups.
- While disproportionate transmission, morbidity and mortality rates will relate to wider social and economic factors - including occupation/employment; multigenerational households; residential overcrowding; deprivation – evidence shows that working through trusted community stakeholders and other local actors can help to identify and overcome barriers which prevent people from following public health guidance.
- On 22 October 2020, the Minister for Equalities announced that the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) would provide up to £25m of funding to support those communities who have been shown to suffer disproportionately from COVID 19, through a new scheme called 'Community Champions. Kirklees was one of the identified areas to apply for this funding as an area that has very diverse communities with a range of complex and individual needs.
- Government has asked Local Authorities to fund practical solutions that will make a real difference. The guidance provided is broad and leaves considerable opportunity to deliver the Community Champions Scheme according to what Local Authorities and their community partners think will work in their area.
- In this context it was proposed that we will need to develop a Community Champions grant scheme that will need to follow a key principle of enabling our partners to be innovative, flexible, and supporting local grassroot activity. This may include ensuring the funds can be used by local partners in the most direct and meaningful ways as decided upon by target groups themselves.

Timescales

- An Expression of Interest (EOI) needed to be submitted on 9 December 2020. We were expected to be notified of any outcome by the 14th December,

delivery to commence immediately and then be expected to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with MHCLG.

The Kirklees approach proposed in the expression interest builds on existing outreach, engagement and communication activities with residents disproportionately impacted by Covid-19 in particular those with disabilities and/or from BAME communities.

Priorities

- Build additional capacity to be able to respond to the immediate needs of both mass engagement (testing and vaccinations) and deep engagement (to target cohorts).
- Scaling up and expanding existing approaches working with partners- building on community anchors to develop community hub and spoke, so as to further reach into grassroots communities.
- Respond to the urgency to enable community champions to support those communities most at risk from COVID 19 and overcome the barriers which prevent people from following public health guidance.
- Deliver flexible interventions that can respond to different modes of delivery; informal, formal, online, and direct delivery in communities.
- Contribute to local, regional, and national learning and practice development networks. Pose challenges about how we engage and what works in communities we have traditionally found it hard to engage.

Target Communities

- BAME
- People with physical disabilities, learning disabilities and unpaid carers

Update

We have been asked for a clarification on the Kirklees proposal but are still awaiting to hear the outcome of our submission. We have had information saying the MHCLG are hoping to let us know by 15.1.21. We have continued to plan and prepare for hopefully the event of a successful notification.

ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL

MEMBERS: Councillors: Harpreet Uppal (Lead Member), Martyn Bolt, Richard Eastwood, Yusra Hussain, Gwen Lowe and John Taylor
 Co-optees: Andrew Bird, Chris Friend, Eilidh Ogden

SUPPORT: Jodie Harris, Principal Governance & Democratic Engagement Officer

POTENTIAL ISSUES IDENTIFIED FOR INCLUSION IN THE WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21		
ISSUE	APPROACH AND AREAS OF FOCUS	OFFICER/PARTNER COMMENTS
FULL PANEL DISCUSSION ISSUES – CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2019/20		
1. Inward Investment Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inward Investment Strategy • which businesses/sectors should be targeted and what do they need to be sustainable and grow. • alternative sources of finance for environmental issues/ alternative energy use. 	Originally scheduled for April 2020 (cancelled due to Covid 19)
2. Tackling Poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What organisations can do to design services which integrate and consider the impact of poverty in how people access, use and experience services; • How poverty can be considered as part of decision-making processes across the authority; • Inclusive Economy work – e.g. good work, local spend and social value; • How can employers work together to optimise the opportunities for investment in good quality pre-Apprenticeships and Apprenticeships programmes? How can we transfer good practice in health and social care to other sectors of the local economy? • What Council can do to support their own staff who may be living in poverty e.g. poverty proofing in a work-based setting. 	Originally scheduled for April 2020 (cancelled due to Covid 19) Considered by Corporate Scrutiny Panel (Sept 2020)

<p>3. Active Travel</p>	<p>To continue to monitor current and planned infrastructure.</p>	<p>Originally considered at joint meeting on 28 Feb 2020 - Panel resolved to keep the issue on the work programme and arrange a half day workshop to allow for more in depth consideration. Cycling and Walking visit (29 March cancelled due to Covid 19) To be re-arranged when possible</p>
<p>4. Digital Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress with physical infrastructure but also in respect of the wider promotion of the advantages of the Kirklees district. • The work being undertaken relating to the development of appropriate skills (links in with Skills Strategy) • The work being done to ensure that residents within more rural areas are supported to be able to access a digital network that is fit for purpose and future proofed. 	<p>Originally considered March 2020. Panel resolved to receive update on digital agenda after 12 months.</p>
<p>5. Air Quality</p>	<p>Following introduction of 5 year Action Pan, to monitor and consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which measures have proven effective and which provide good value for money. • Addressing the issue of vehicles with idling engines particularly outside schools. • How the planning system can be used/will address issues in relation to infrastructure to encourage sustainable transport/active travel. • Improving infrastructure to encourage travel by public transport/cycling and walking. • Encouraging/ facilitating better options for travel to school to reduce use of private cars. 	<p>The Panel considered the Air Quality Action Plan in Oct 19 as part of its development. A number of areas to monitor were identified following implementation of the Action Plan.</p>

<p>6. Planning Related Matters</p>	<p>Hot Food Takeaway</p> <p>CIL + Viability Guidance</p>	<p>Deferred from Jan 2020 (likely Apr 2021)</p> <p>Considered Jan 2020 – further examination prior to adoption by Council</p>
<p>7. Towns and Communities in Kirklees</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess the objectives/delivery of plans to include the aspirations/vision for the towns, public realm and infrastructure. • Consideration of the wider context of other town centres/ villages across Kirklees to include looking at the key challenges and opportunities that could influence this agenda. 	<p>July 2019 Report on the Huddersfield Blueprint – with a focus on engagement and consultation.</p> <p>Future updates/reports requested as plans develop</p>
<p>PROPOSED NEW ISSUE</p>	<p>FOCUS</p>	<p>OFFICER/PARTNER COMMENTS</p>
<p>1. COVID-19</p>	<p>To consider the impact of COVID-19 on areas falling within the remit of the Economy and Neighbourhoods Panel. Potential areas for consideration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste Collection/Recycling/Fly Tipping • Economic Impact including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Business Grants (processing and take up) - Measures to support the local economy and aid economic recovery - Understanding the budget implications of dealing with the crisis and the longer-term financial impact. - Impact on poverty and tackling inequalities • Community Response (including capacity of voluntary organisations within the community and the strengthening) 	

	<p>Housing Rents (Impact on tenants following recent increase in council housing rents ; help provided to tenants who may require financial support)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplementary Planning Documents – Residential Design and Householder extensions and alterations • Private Rented Housing Sector (Support as a result of Covid) 	
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To be scheduled:

- Inward Investment Strategy
- Blueprint Updates
- Private Rented Housing support
- Major Transport Schemes