

Fly Tipping and Bulky Waste Task Group – Final Report

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Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
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Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	Green, Clean & Safe
Non-Key Decision	
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive Committee is asked to RESOLVE that:-

- 1) The Fly Tipping and Bulky Waste Task Group final report and the response of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to this report be noted.**

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Fly Tipping and Bulky Waste Task Group has now concluded its investigation. The Task Group made a single recommendation within its final report, as detailed below:

“That Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) provide a bi-annual update report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which reviews fly tipping data and enforcement work undertaken in the Borough.”

- 2.2 For context, at a meeting of Council held on 14th November 2022, the Council agreed to ask the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to set up a Task and Finish review, *“to consider the costs, consequences and benefits of a pre-booked, free household bulky waste collection service for those Redditch residents who are low paid, elderly, disabled or in receipt of benefits, which will enable Members to consider options and determine what action, if any, to take.”*

- 2.3 The Task Group was subsequently commissioned by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, with the agreed terms of reference to look at fly tipping and bulky waste collection. This included reviewing levels of fly tipping and bulky waste collection rates in the Borough, assessing how the Council's bulky collection service compared to other local authorities, assessing the Council's approach to public communications on fly tipping and promotion of the bulky waste collection service, and identifying actions that could be taken to reduce fly tipping and improve bulky waste collection rates in the Borough.
- 2.4 The Task Group held seven meetings in total, spanning two municipal years, 2023/24 and 2024/25. The membership of the Task Group changed following elections in May 2024. The final report was commissioned by the 2024/25 membership, although it includes details of the activities carried out by the Task Group across both municipal years.
- 2.5 From 1st June 2024 the responsibility for fly tipping enforcement passed from the Council's in-house Environmental Services team to Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS). The Task Group was of the view that this change in arrangements should be monitored by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. As such, a recommendation was made by the Task Group that WRS officers be invited to Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings twice a year to provide updates on fly tipping enforcement, including performance, and information on fly tipping trends within the Borough. This proposal was endorsed at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 7th July 2025.
- 2.6 In addition to the above recommendation, the Task Group Members have also drawn general conclusions from this investigation. It was concluded that the Council provided a competitive and reasonably priced bulky waste collection service, and that further promotion of the service should be undertaken to raise awareness of the Council's offer within the community.
- 2.7 The Task Group agreed that education and promotion of information relating to responsible disposal of waste remained important and the Council should continue to provide residents with detailed information, through various media, on what can be recycled and clear information on how to dispose of items, such as white goods and bulky items. The importance of building community pride in local areas was also highlighted as important to focus on in order to reduce fly tipping within residential areas.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the Fly Tipping and Bulky Waste Task Group recommendation or report. However, there will be officer time implications in terms of WRS officers attending meetings of, and providing updates to, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on a twice per year basis.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the power to determine items for inclusion on the Committee's Work Programme and this cannot be changed by the Executive Committee. However, whilst there are no direct recommendations for the consideration of the Executive Committee on this subject, it was recognised that the outcomes of the review would be of interest to the Executive Committee and therefore should be reported for the Committee's consideration.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Reorganisation Implications

- 5.1 No implications have been identified for Local Government Reorganisation at this stage.

Relevant Council Priority

- 5.2 Green, Clean and Safe – This Task Group investigation considered issues relating to driving reductions in fly tipping and considering options for bulky waste disposal.

Climate Change Implications

- 5.3 There will be environmental benefits from reductions in fly tipping, however, there are no direct climate change implications resulting from this report.

Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 5.4 There are no direct equality or diversity implications arising as a result of this report

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 The report highlighted a suggestion from the group that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should be updated twice a year on fly tipping enforcement work. As such, there is no risk entailed in the action proposed in the recommendation. The Task Group had considered risks in the options considered throughout the investigation.

7. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 – Fly Tipping and Bulky Waste Task Group – Final Report

Background papers

[Minutes of Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of 7 July 2025 – Minute No. 22 – Fly Tipping and Bulky Waste Task Group – Final Report](#) – Discussion and endorsement of the final report and recommendation by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

8. REPORT SIGN OFF

Department	Name and Job Title	Date
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Sharon Harvey	29/07/2025
Lead Director / Assistant Director	Simon Parry, Assistant Director Environmental and Housing Property Services	29/07/2025
Financial Services	Debra Goodall, Assistant Director Finance and Customer Services	21/07/2025
Legal Services	Nicola Cummings, Principal Solicitor – Governance	25/07/2025
Policy Team (if equalities implications apply)	N/A	
Climate Change Team (if climate change implications apply)	N/A	