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# Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The meeting will be held at **7.00 pm on 22 February 2018**

**Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL**

## **Membership:**

Councillors Roy Jones (Chair), Cathy Kent (Vice-Chair), Clare Baldwin, Russell Cherry, Gary Collins and Terry Piccolo

## **Substitutes:**

Councillors John Allen, Oliver Gerrish, Garry Hague, Ben Maney, David Potter and Gerard Rice

## **Agenda**

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  - High quality, consistent and accessible public services which are right first time
  - Build on our partnerships with statutory, community, voluntary and faith groups to work together to improve health and wellbeing
  - Communities are empowered to make choices and be safer and stronger together
2. **Place** – a heritage-rich borough which is ambitious for its future
  - Roads, houses and public spaces that connect people and places
  - Clean environments that everyone has reason to take pride in
  - Fewer public buildings with better services
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  - Attractive opportunities for businesses and investors to enhance the local economy
  - Vocational and academic education, skills and job opportunities for all
  - Commercial, entrepreneurial and connected public services

# Agenda Item 2

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 14 December 2017 at 7.00 pm

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**Present:** Councillors Cathy Kent (Vice-Chair), Russell Cherry and Gary Collins

**Apologies:** Councillor Roy Jones (Chair)

**In attendance:** Julie Rogers, Director of Environment and Highways  
Claire Harvey, Environment Frontline Services Manager  
Jim Nicolson, Community Protection Manager  
Beau Stanford-Francis, Environmental Protection and Contracted Services Manager  
Jenny Shade, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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Before the start of the Meeting, all present were advised that the meeting may be filmed and was being recorded, with the audio recording to be made available on the Council's website.

### **20. Minutes**

The minutes of the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 12 October 2017 were approved as a correct record.

The minutes of the Extraordinary Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 15 November 2017 were approved as a correct record.

### **21. Items of Urgent Business**

No matters of urgent business were received.

### **22. Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Cherry declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to Item 5 "Strategy to Tackle Violence against Women and Girls in Thurrock, 2017/20" as he worked for Essex Police.

### **23. Strategy to Tackle Violence against Women and Girls in Thurrock, 2017/20**

Jim Nicolson presented the report and stated that in line with national government the Thurrock's Community Safety Partnership had adopted a number of years ago the Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) agenda to replace the previous definition of domestic abuse. That the VAWG dealt with domestic violence and abuse, honour based abuse, modern day slavery, human trafficking, sexual violence and children sexual exploitation. That the

updated strategy would be essential to maintain the progress made in Thurrock to ensure these crimes were tackled. That the direction of travel was correct; the progress of the strategy had been achieved and that the support and engagement with Members was vital going forward to assist with any new initiatives.

Jim Nicolson briefed Members on some specific items from the strategy and action plan:

- That the strategy and action plan now fully recognised and addressed the needs of men.
- That SERICC had played a major part in the support of the strategy and the action plan.
- That “16 Days of Action” workshops, on a number of topics, including Forced Marriage, had been undertaken to train staff on what would be expected of them and how to offer their knowledge and help.
- That 87 front line staff had been trained on J9, a Domestic Abuse Initiative named in memory of Janine Mundy, who was killed by her estranged husband while he was on Police bail.
- That a great deal of work had been undertaken locally and nationally working with victims and that work with perpetrators would commence in partnership with Essex and Southend Council having received a £450,000 government funding for a three year programme to develop the appropriate pathways for perpetrators.
- That on average two women a week were killed by their partners.
- That reviews of domestic homicides had been set up and had identified 27 cases in Essex since these were introduced with no reported incidents in Thurrock.
- That the quality of service available for men had been limited but this was fast improving.
- That a campaign on Elder Abuse had been launched, a hidden crime focusing on domestic abuse on people aged 55 or over.
- Posters were tabled for Members to comment on which presented the situation more positively.

Councillor Collins thanked Officers for the fantastic work put into this good report and was pleased with the direction of travel. Councillor Collins also stated he was happy that the strategy now fully recognised and addressed the needs of men.

Councillors Collins asked for some clarification on Witchcraft. Jim Nicolson stated that he had limited knowledge on this subject but would explore more to see how best to engage and to ensure that services are available and how people can access these.

Julie Rogers informed Members that this was Jim Nicolson last committee as he was retiring next week and that he would be leaving on a high following such a fantastic report and thanked him for all the hard work he had undertaken in Thurrock.

Councillor Cherry stated the examples of posters tabled were upbeat and positive. Jim Nicolson stated that these would be advertised on the Essex Police website.

Councillor Collins questioned that now the strategy recognised the needs of men how this would be advertised. Jim Nicolson stated that work would continue within the community keeping people alert and aware and how these crimes could be reported and how people can self-refer.

Councillor Kent stated that the strategy was good but questioned what work was being undertaken to educate people that this type of behaviour was not acceptable. Jim Nicolson stated that the Risk Avert Programme had been introduced into Thurrock which was being led by Essex Council with Thurrock as a contributor. This was an innovative intervention programme focusing on educating young people on healthy relationships and avoiding engagement in risk-taking behaviours. That Universities and Schools were being contacted to address these issues.

Members agreed that this report should be added to the 2018/19 municipal year work programme to be presented in 12 months' time.

The Vice Chair thanked Jim Nicolson for his hard work and wished him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

## **RESOLVED**

- 1. That the Cleaner Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members endorsed the direction of travel as contained within the Strategy.**
- 2. That the Cleaner Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members identified how they wish to be updated on progress.**
- 3. That the Cleaner Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members identify the initiatives with which they may wish to be more closely involved to engage community support and harness subsequent partnership-led activity.**
- 4. That a report “Strategy to Tackle Violence against Women and Girls in Thurrock, 2017/20” be added to the 2018/19 municipal year work programme to be presented in 12 months’ time.**

## **24. Fees & Charges Pricing Strategy 2018/19**

Beau Stanford-Francis, Environmental Protection and Contracted Services Manager, presented the report that had set out the charges in relation to the services within the remit of the Cleaner Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee with any new charges taking effect from the 1 April 2018 subject to approval from Cabinet. The report highlighted the key questions

that had to be measured when considering the pricing strategy for 2018-19 and the target of £1.905 million that had to be secured through the increased fees and charges in 2018-19 for the cleaner, greener and safer services. Members were also referred to recommendation 1.2 that delegated authority would be sought through Cabinet.

Members were also referred to Appendices A and B to the report that highlighted the proposed fees and charges for 2018/19 and the fees and charges no longer applicable.

Councillor Collins questioned the Outdoor Sports and the Commercial Hire of Open Spaces as to whether there was any pressure to set up events to generate more income. Beau Stanford-Francis stated that applications for hiring spaces are received which included pitch-hire and music events and that each application would be considered on its own merits taking into account the objectives and meeting the needs of both the organiser and the Council.

Councillor Kent stated that the Appendices were too small and unreadable and would therefore not be able to agree to the recommendations as she had not had the opportunity to view the documents.

Julie Rogers, Director of Environment and Highways, apologised for this and would resolve this for next year's report.

Councillor Collins asked what the time limit would be for Members to comment on the report and appendices. Julie Rogers stated that the final report would be presented to Council in February and that Members were being asked at this meeting to comment and agree the report.

## **RESOLVED**

- 1. That Councillors Cherry and Collins agreed to note the revised fees, including those no longer applicable, and that Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members comment on the proposals currently being considered within the remit of this committee.**
- 2. That Councillors Cherry and Collins agreed to note that director delegated authority will be sought via Cabinet to allow Fees & Charges to be varied within a financial year in response to legal, regulatory or commercial requirements.**

## **25. Waste Service Route Optimisation - 6 Month Update**

Julie Rogers, Director of Environment and Highways, presented the report that provided an update on performance and challenges from the first seven months of implementation of the new service and the forward look in relation to the ongoing service provision. The report provided an overview of domestic waste collections following the implementation in May 2017, on the new

methodology of a sweep system and new waste collection rounds which had impacted 79% of residents across the borough. Julie Rogers stated that the new service had seen greatest challenge and impact on Friday collections, any operational issues that occurred during the week had a rolling effect toward the latter part of the week. She also advised that there needed to be some clarity for residents in relation to responsibility of communal bin stores, in particular landlord and Council responsibility where there was misuse of the store or contamination identified. Julie Rogers confirmed that these issues and concerns were being addressed as outlined in the report. Julie Rogers referred Members to Appendix A which focused on Recycling and addressing contamination and blocked access issues, this reflected the work being undertaken within the service and the communications team in relation to promotion, advertising and educating residents on how best to recycle.

Julie Rogers introduced Claire Harvey, Environment Frontline Service Manager, to her first Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Cherry noted a mistake in the report that the waste collection operation would sweep across the borough from West to East when in fact the service would sweep from East to West. Julie Rogers apologised for the error.

Councillor Collins questioned the blocked access on a number of roads and how these were being resolved. Julie Rogers stated that this is an ongoing challenge encouraging residents to park more considerately, to enable the waste vehicles to access and complete collections. In some cases the Council had written to residents, knocked on doors asking residents to move vehicles and consider where they were parking. If a waste vehicle could not access the road, it is likely a fire engine would not either. She advised that referral were also being made to Highways colleagues to consider traffic management of these areas and to look at how best these issues could be addressed.

Councillor Cherry asked whether there was any evidence of any fuel costs savings. Julie Rogers stated that due to the fluctuation of fuel costs this was hard to evidence at this time but with new service vehicles being introduced in February 2018 these should make some difference on fuel savings.

Councillors Collins asked what would happen to the old service vehicles. Julie Rogers stated that four of the fleet vehicles had new engines installed and would be used for resilience. Otherwise the vehicles would likely be auctioned.

Councillor Kent questioned whether with the increase of new properties in the borough had the targets been met to try and provide the service more effectively. Julie Rogers stated that the route optimisation now covered 300 additional new properties which resulted in an increase of 900 collections, she also advised that due to the excellent sales work in relation to trade waste there had been a significant increase in collections for this stream, there

would also be an ongoing need to increase capacity as the growth and proposed circa 30,000 new properties were built in the borough.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members considered and noted the report.**

**26. Work Programme**

The Vice Chair asked Members if there were any items to be added or discussed for the work programme for the 2017-18 municipal year.

Members agreed that an update report on “Strategy to Tackle Violence against Women and Girls in Thurrock, 2017/20” be presented in 12 months’ time and should be added to the 2018/19 municipal year work programme.

**RESOLVED**

**That a report “Strategy to Tackle Violence against Women and Girls in Thurrock, 2017/20” be added to the 2018/19 municipal year work programme to be presented in 12 months’ time.**

The Vice Chair wished Members and Officers a very Merry Christmas and thanked them for all their hard work.

**The meeting finished at 7.46 pm**

Approved as a true and correct record

**CHAIR**

**DATE**

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<b>22 February 2018</b>	<b>ITEM: 7</b>
<b>Cleaner Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>Fly Tipping of Alleys</b>	
<b>Wards and communities affected:</b> All	<b>Key Decision:</b> Key
<b>Report of:</b> Gavin Dennett – Environmental Health and Trading Standards Manager	
<b>Accountable Assistant Director:</b> Andy Millard – Assistant Director Planning Transport and Public Protection	
<b>Accountable Director:</b> Steve Cox – Corporate Director of Place	
<b>This report is</b> Public	

## Executive Summary

Over recent years a number of incidents of fly tipping or unauthorised rubbish disposal in private alleys have been reported to the Council. This is often unsightly and in some cases can present a risk to public health.

There is no formal policy on the approach that should be taken by council officers to resolve these service requests.

At the meeting of 28 June 2017 the Council passed a motion calling on the Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee to conduct a full review of fly tipping in private alleys in order to:

- Understand the scale of the issue across the Borough.
- Review the impact on residents of the Council's approach to fly tipping in private alleys.
- Evaluate potential policy responses, including understanding the cost to the council of taking action and exploring new, more innovative solutions.
- Make recommendations on the best approach to improving the situation.

The purpose of this report is to report back on the findings of the review undertaken in response to the Council motion.

## **1. Recommendation(s)**

- 1.1 That Cleaner Greener Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend to Cabinet the following policy approach for dealing with the issue of fly-tipping in private alleyways:**
- i. That the Council launch a communications campaign to raise awareness of the responsibilities of all parties in relation to the clearance of alleys and providing information to facilitate resident organisation of and participation in community initiatives to combat fly tipped alleys.**

**That in instance where fly tipping in alley ways is identified, officers follow the following sequential approach:**

- ii. Signposting of concerned residents to the Community Environment Development Fund, to assist in target hardening or other measures such as gating to reduce the incidence of fly tipping in alleyways.**
- iii. Formally request that the occupiers of adjacent premises clear up their alleyway if concerns about non-hazardous alleyway accumulations persist.**
- iv. Offer a paid service to clean up alleyway accumulations on a cost recovery basis where the steps above do not result in the fly tipping being removed**
- v. As a last resort, pursue enforcement action to ensure the removal of potentially hazardous accumulations against the occupiers of adjacent properties and to charge occupiers accordingly.**

## **2. Introduction and Background**

- 2.1 Incidents of fly tipping or unauthorised rubbish disposal in alleys are generating requests for service from the Council. So far in the 2017/18 financial year, 348 such requests have been received.**
- 2.2 The de facto position is that where alleys are in Council ownership these are cleared by the Council. Where the alleys or other similar spaces are not in Council ownership it is not the Council's responsibility to clear accumulations. The responsibility for clearance in these cases passes to the owner of the land. In the case of alleys, where no single owner can be identified the Council can require the occupiers of adjacent properties to clean the alley. The power for councils to require adjacent property occupiers to clean alleys is provided by the Public Health Act 1936. There is no equivalent power to require the owners of adjacent premises to clean the alley. The Council has no formal policy governing its application of the Public Health Act provisions or procedures for arranging clearance in such cases.**
- 2.3 As set out in the report to the previous meeting there is currently no formal policy in place to guide officers in dealing with service requests relating to fly tipped private alleys. This gives rise to a risk of inconsistent responses to these**

requests and budget pressures for departments attempting to get fly-tipped alleys cleared. The principal options available to the Council for dealing with rubbish in alleys were identified in the previous report to this committee as follows:

- The Council requires residents to collectively clear the rubbish or pay for its removal and undertake appropriate enforcement action where notices are not complied with. This option would entail action/cost on the part of residents of properties around affected alleys and could attract criticism from the residents concerned who might feel unjustifiably penalised (notably, if they were not directly responsible for the accumulations). There are also charging and legislative issues that would need to be considered as part of the review.
- The Environment and Highways Directorate undertake the clearance of rubbish in alleys at the Council's expense. This option would impose costs on the Council's Environment Service as they would have to collect and dispose of fly tipped material or other rubbish reported at these locations. There is no current budget for this work.
- No action is taken by the Council to clear rubbish from these locations and no enforcement action is taken. This option could give rise to alleys becoming a risk to public health and or unsightly to residents who use them and live in the vicinity. As such it could draw criticism of inaction by the Council.

### **3. Consultation Feedback**

3.1 The review consisted of a number of elements. The first was a meeting between officers and the reviews Lead Member to scope out the review. This was followed by a call for comments and suggestions from Cleaner Greener Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the formulation and conduct of a consultation exercise to gauge public attitudes to the issue of fly tipped alley ways and a request for information on the practice with regard to fly tipped alleys at other local authorities.

#### **Cleaner Green Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee Comments**

3.2 The Councillor suggestions are summarised with officer comments in Appendix 1. In general the suggestions from Councillors on the committee indicated a preference for preventative type activity to reduce the problem of fly tipping in alleys before it occurred. The majority of these suggestions, for example Waste Carrier Licence checks, are being undertaken by various council teams already. In these cases the committee may wish to consider the option to increase funding to undertake more work in these areas. Those suggestions that are not currently the subject of any council activity are Facebook monitoring and subsequent licence checking, the provision of bulky refuse collection points at suitable points around the area and communication with private landlords on their responsibilities for waste. Whilst these suggestions may contribute to reducing fly tipping more generally they do not particularly address the issue of

tipped alleys and so are not recommended as part of a package of measures to solve this issue.

### **Public Comments**

- 3.3 The consultation exercise results are included as Appendix 2. The feedback provided by respondents to the consultation indicated that:
- **70%** of the people who answered the survey are unaware of who is responsible for maintenance. Could a recommendation be for communications to let residents know where responsibility lies. Whilst residents are unaware of the responsibility they will assume that it is a Council matter and will continue to reflect badly on the Council.
  - **61%** of respondents are not aware of any maintenance that takes place in their alleyway.
  - **65%** of respondents would be willing to be involved in Community Organised Work. This could support use of the Community development Fund for resident led Alley gating Schemes/Bids.
  - **87%** of respondents support enforcement action against those who fail to maintain alleyways that they are responsible for.
  - There were 77 respondents to the consultation.

### **Local Authority Benchmarking**

- 3.4 A request for examples of other approaches to dealing with fly tipped alleys was made via the Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) portal. To date no responses have been received. If any responses are received Members will be updated orally at the meeting.

## **4. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options**

- 4.1 The Council requires a policy to guide the actions of officers tasked with addressing fly tipping in alleys. This will ensure a consistent approach is taken to resolving these matters. In addition to the three options previously identified and set out in paragraph 2.3 above, the review has identified further potential approaches that could be adopted either to contribute to the resolution of alley fly tipping issues or as standalone solution.

Collectively the potential options identified are as follows:

- a. Residents to pay for alleyway clearance under legal notice.
- b. Where the Environment and Highways Directorate Service consider the fly tip to be noxious or immediately harmful they may, at their discretion, remove.

- c. No action by the Council.
- d. Additional covert CCTV deployment to gather evidence against fly tippers for prosecution.
- e. Council operate a clear all policy for all land including private alleyways, even though there is no statutory obligation on the Council to undertake such work.
- f. Promotion of community initiatives such as clear up sessions and community action programmes including signposting residents to Community Environment Development Fund to assist with the funding of preventative measures.
- g. Communications campaign.
- h. Council request residents to clean up their alleyway, where reports of accumulations are received.
- i. Council offers a service to residents to clear up their alleyway on a cost recovery basis.

Option a could be used when clearance is not time critical i.e. when there is no immediate risk of harm to residents and so the Council has time to issue legal notices and wait for appeal periods to expire. However, the estimated cost to the Council to fund this option would be £100k per year with only part of this being recovered from residents where they opt for council clearance and thus incur admin charges. The unrecoverable amount is estimated to be £50k.

Option b could be used when prompt clearance reduces potential impacts on public health due to the nature of the fly tipped material or its location. The estimated cost of this option would be £250k per year to cover collection and disposal costs.

Option c has no cost implications but would be likely to lead to public health concerns and criticism of the Council.

Option d could be used to gather evidence and could contribute to combatting fly tipping of alleyways. The estimated capital cost of this would be £75k for the initial purchase of equipment with an ongoing revenue cost estimated at £50k per year to cover installation, redeployment and monitoring of CCTV and processing of evidence obtained by CCTV for prosecution purposes.

Option e this option would provide a comprehensive answer to the issue of fly-tipping but is not a statutory requirement on the Council. The associated costs would be considerable and would almost certainly increase with time as the application of the policy became known to parties who may then feel able to dump whatever they wanted wherever they wanted in the knowledge that the Council would clear it up.

Option f would be a positive step to improve the state of the environment in a locality. This option could provide some input into mitigation against the effects of fly tipping.

Option g would help to inform people about the correct disposal of waste, how to report offenders and how to engage in initiatives to keep their alleys clear. This is seen as a potential contribution that could be used in conjunction with other options as part of the Council's work on fly tipped alleys. The Council's communications team could manage suitable communications campaigns at appropriate intervals.

Option h could encourage residents to clear up their alleyway and avoid public health issues or blighting of residents own environment.

Option i would give residents the option to collectively fund a professional clear up of their alleyways.

## **5. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 5.1 The issue of fly tipping in alleyways is prevalent in a number of areas of Thurrock and gives rise to an eyesore and in some instances could give rise to public health risks. Mitigation of the effects of alleyway fly tipping is therefore consistent with the Council's priority to promote and protect the green environment.
- 5.2 The options selected recommended from the long-list outlined in section 4 seek to reduce the detrimental effects of alleyway fly tipping whilst working within the existing budget envelope. Collectively they provide concerned residents with a variety of approaches to ensuring that fly tipping instances are effectively and efficiently addressed.

## **6. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)**

- 6.1 An online consultation exercise has been undertaken via the Council's consultation portal. Responses are summarised in Appendix 2.  
Association of Public Service Excellence (APSE) consultation via the portal No responses received to date, Members will be updated orally at the meeting on any responses received.

## **7. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact**

- 7.1 Impact will be dependent on the recommendations taken forward to the Council.

## **8. Implications**

### **8.1 Financial**

Implications verified by: **Laura Last**  
**Management Accountant – Corporate Finance**

The recommendation of this report has a budget implication for the removal of hazardous waste, in instances where cost recovery is not possible.

### **8.2 Legal**

Implications verified by: **David Lawson**  
**Deputy Head of Legal and Deputy Monitoring Officer**

The Council is under no legal obligation to remove waste on private land. The Council has powers to require landowners to clear waste from their land and has powers to enter land and clear it, and may seek reimbursement for our costs.

### **8.3 Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **Natalie Warren**  
**Community Development and Equalities Manager**

There are none arising directly from this report.

### **8.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)**

None identified.

## **9. Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

Council motion.

## **10. Appendices to the report**

Appendix 1 – Cleaner Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee Suggestions Summary.

Appendix 2 - Consultation Responses Summary (to be distributed at the meeting).

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## Appendix 1

### Cleaner Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee Suggestions Summary

Cleaner Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee Suggestions of Fly Tipping of Alleyways to be considered as part of the review process

Suggestion	Perceived Benefit	Anticipated Costs	Officer Feedback on suggestion
That council workers working outside the office report seeing old furniture and other material likely to eventually become a fly tip in people's gardens.	The opportunity to divert material that could otherwise end up as a fly tip to legitimate disposal.	Admin officer resource to receive and record reports. Waste Education Officers to follow up on reports	This may improve the proportion of waste diverted from fly tipping to legitimate. The council previously had waste education officers who undertook education of residents on waste disposal and campaigns around waste and recycling this role could be revived.
Is there a way we can collect registration numbers for vehicles that are observed carrying waste and then check to see if they have a waste carriers licence.	Disruption of illegal fly tipping activity	Staff cost for this activity.	Environment currently undertake waste carrier licence checks as part of wider work including checking on trade waste agreements.
Is there a practical way of monitoring Facebook for pages advertising house or garden clearance and checking to see if they have a waste collection licence	Reduction of unlicensed waste collectors.	ICT/Communications officer to monitor Facebook pages. Additional staff for increased environmental enforcement operations.	Intelligence provided by monitoring could be used in Environmental Enforcement Operations
If we have a list of private landlords could we write to them and make them aware they have to dispose of old furniture responsibly.	Reduction in fly tipping of alleys.	Staff to collate private landlord list and produce mail shot	The anecdotal evidence suggests that it is tenants as opposed to landlords who are responsible for fly tipping so targeting landlords may not prove to be effective.
Is there a benefit to having regular drop off points for furniture, electrical goods etc in the areas of Thurrock that suffers the worst incidents.	Reduction in fly tipping	Cost of running additional waste reception facilities and disposal of waste	Cost prohibitive

With regard to building waste, could a condition be added to any planning permission granted requiring the applicant to supply the name of the company who will be disposing of building waste prior to commencement.	Reduction in fly tipping of building and demolition materials.	Planning Officer resource.	Planning officers already work with developers to ensure the inclusion of appropriate conditions by way of a construction environmental management plan for applicable developments and will continue to do so. The issue of fly tipping of alleys though is less impacted by construction activities requiring planning permission than the fly tipping of remote sites and therefore this is not seen as being a major contributory factor to reducing fly tipping in alleys.
Would it be cost effective to have covert mobile cameras that could be deployed as and when required at hot spots, i.e. Prior to removing the fly tip as quite often a fly tip attracts other fly tipppers and the camera could catch these.	Increased potential for prosecutions against offenders and associated publicity dissuading would be fly tipppers in the area.	Some activity undertaken already using a risk based approach. Further work would need to be separately funded.	CCTV monitoring has mixed success and is one of the ways Thurrock works to counter fly tipping.
Do we have or could we have on our website a list of local companies small as well as large who have waste collection licences, as while we will collect white goods and furniture I don't believe we collect general materials or garden waste.	Facilitate the responsible disposal of waste by residents.	Web resource.	This is currently done via the Environment Page <a href="https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/fly-tipping/how-to-dispose-of-large-objects">https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/fly-tipping/how-to-dispose-of-large-objects</a>

Adjoining Alleyway - Does your property adjoin an alleyway?	Common issues - Are there any issues common to your alleyway?	other text option - If other, please explain what the common issues are to your alleyway if not listed above?	Alleyway Ownership - Are you aware of the ownership status of your alleyway?	Maintenance activities - Are you aware of any regular maintenance or clearing activities in your alleyway - Either by yourself or by third parties?	Clearing taking place - If no maintenance or clearing of the alleyway is currently taking place, do you think that it is required?	Community Organised work - Would you be prepared to be involved in community organised work with your neighbours to improve the condition and/or security of the alleyway?	Enforcement action Required? - In cases where alleyways are not maintained to a suitable standard, do you think that Enforcement Action against the parties responsible for maintenance of the alleyway is appropriate?
No	Build up of rubbish / dumping		Unregistered / Un-adopted - not in anyones ownership but maintainable by those who have access rights	Yes - now and then I know that some maintenance activity takes place	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	No issues with alleyway		Private - Maintained by adjacent property owners	No - I am not aware of any maintenance or clearing activity that takes place in the alleyway	Yes	No	No
Yes	Other	Dumping of rubbish and White goods. Urinating. Number 57 Dock road running his roofing business at the rear of the alley way and leaving rubbish. Poorly lit at night time - no street light.	Unregistered / Un-adopted - not in anyones ownership but maintainable by those who have access rights	Yes - now and then I know that some maintenance activity takes place	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Build up of rubbish / dumping		Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	No - I am not aware of any maintenance or clearing activity that takes place in the alleyway	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	No issues with alleyway		Private - Maintained by adjacent property owners	Yes - now and then I know that some maintenance activity takes place	No	Yes	Yes
No	Crime and/or Anti-Social Behaviour		Unregistered / Un-adopted - not in anyones ownership but maintainable by those who have access rights	Yes - now and then I know that some maintenance activity takes place	Yes	No	Yes
Yes	Build up of rubbish / dumping		Unregistered / Un-adopted - not in anyones ownership but maintainable by those who have access rights	Yes - now and then I know that some maintenance activity takes place	Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	Poor road surface		Unregistered / Un-adopted - not in anyones ownership but maintainable by those who have access rights	No - I am not aware of any maintenance or clearing activity that takes place in the alleyway	Yes	Yes	No
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Yes	Crime and/or Anti-Social Behaviour		Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	No - I am not aware of any maintenance or clearing activity that takes place in the alleyway	Yes	No	Yes
Yes	Other	Rubbish and poor surface (couldn't select both)	Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	No - I am not aware of any maintenance or clearing activity that takes place in the alleyway	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Yes	Other	Local alleyways are used by residents to park their cars and vans. This makes it difficult for pedestrians, especially those with prams and pushchairs, and children on bicycles and the elderly. Leaving people having to take an alternative route or having to squeeze past between the vehicle and walls and bushes, blocking a public right of way.	Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	No - I am not aware of any maintenance or clearing activity that takes place in the alleyway	Yes	Yes	Yes
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No	Poor road surface		Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	No - I am not aware of any maintenance or clearing activity that takes place in the alleyway	Yes	No	Yes
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Yes	Other	Lack of maintenance - issues with weeds and nettles whose roots are causing damage to my fence.	Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	Yes - now and then I know that some maintenance activity takes place	Yes	No	Yes
Yes	No issues with alleyway		Private - Maintained by adjacent property owners	Yes - now and then I know that some maintenance activity takes place		Yes	Yes
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Yes	Build up of rubbish / dumping		Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	Yes - now and then I know that some maintenance activity takes place		Yes	Yes
Yes	Other	The alleyway is overgrown with weeds and grass making it impassable.	Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	No - I am not aware of any maintenance or clearing activity that takes place in the alleyway	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Yes	Other	Constant rubbish which I clear regularly which recently included laughing gas cylinder along with general rubbish i.e. alcohol bottles/cans	Private - Maintained by adjacent property owners	Yes - I know that regular maintenance activity takes place	Yes	No	Yes
Yes	No issues with alleyway		Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	Yes - now and then I know that some maintenance activity takes place	No	No	Yes
Yes	Other	There seems to be a growing issues with rats in the area!!!	Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	Yes - now and then I know that some maintenance activity takes place	Yes	No	Yes
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Yes	Other	No lighting	Housing Owned - Maintained by Housing Provider at the Providers Expense	No - I am not aware of any maintenance or clearing activity that takes place in the alleyway	Yes	No	Yes
No	Other	Dog mess just dumped in and out of bags , empty spirit bottles smashed human escrament done in the alley		Yes - now and then I know that some maintenance activity takes place	Yes	No	Yes
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Yes Page 25	Other	Street lights in Alley way never worked since last year despite informing Council several times. Job Ref 3265 given, but Never initiated! Also, rubbish piling up stacked against Post Office wall. Plants overgrown absorber trimmed.. unsavory characters	Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	No - I am not aware of any maintenance or clearing activity that takes place in the alleyway	Yes	No	Yes
	Poor road surface		Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	Yes - I know that regular maintenance activity takes place		No	Yes
Yes	Other	Both rubbish dumping and poor Road surface. As I write this there are two black plastic bags of domestic rubbish in the alley and if I picked them up and placed them in my wheelie bin the dustmen would reject them for being plastic bags. "Go figure" !!!	Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	Yes - now and then I know that some maintenance activity takes place	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Yes	Build up of rubbish / dumping		Housing Owned - Maintained by Housing Provider at the Providers Expense	Yes - now and then I know that some maintenance activity takes place	Yes	Yes	
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No	Other	The footpath/alleyway between Elm Road and Mill Road in Aveley is very difficult to negotiate because of brambles and nettles	Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	No - I am not aware of any maintenance or clearing activity that takes place in the alleyway	Yes	No	Yes
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Yes	Other	cars parked in alleyway entrances/exits.	Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	No - I am not aware of any maintenance or clearing activity that takes place in the alleyway	Yes	Yes	Yes
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Yes	Other	Blocking public access by vehicle parking. General littering by public who walk through, with occasional household rubbish dumped. Dog owners failing to clear dog mess. We have frequently cleared and maintained the access since 1980. Unmade surface difficult to maintain.	Unsure - I am not aware who is responsible for maintenance and upkeep of the alleyway	Yes - I know that regular maintenance activity takes place	Yes		
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**Cleaner, Greener and Safer Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
Work Programme  
2017/18**

Dates of Meetings: 13 July 2017, 12 October 2017, 15 November 2017 (Extraordinary), 14 December 2017, 22 February 2018 and 19 April 2018

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Requested by Officer/Member</b>
<b>13 July 2017</b>		
Terms of Reference	Democratic Services	Officers
Fire Service	Steve Cox	Members
“Clean it, Cut it” Update	Daren Spring	Councillor Gerrish (Chair 2016-17)
Community Partnership Update	Michelle Cunningham	Officers
Fly Tipping in Alleyways	Gavin Dennett	Members
<b>12 October 2017</b>		
Update on Air Quality & Health Strategy	Steve Cox	Members
Linford Household Waste & Recycling Centre - Future Site Redevelopment	Julie Rogers	Officers
Public Bin Review	Julie Rogers	Officers
<b>15 November 2017 – Extraordinary Meeting</b>		
Linford Household Waste & Recycling Centre - Commercial Vehicle Access Policy	Julie Rogers	Officers
<b>14 December 2017</b>		
Fees & Charges Pricing Strategy 2018/19	Carl Tomlinson	Officer

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(Adults)		
Route Optimisation from the Waste Service	Julie Rogers	Officers
A Strategy to Tackle Violence against Women and Girls in Thurrock 2017-2020	Jim Nicholson	Officers
<b>22 February 2018</b>		
Keep Britain Tidy	Julie Rogers / Marcelle Puttergill	Officers
Volunteer Groups within the Borough ( <i>invite Thames21 to speak</i> )	Steve Cox	Councillor Cherry (Vice Chair 2016-17)
Fly Tipping of Alley Ways	Andy Millard/Gavin Dennett	Members
<b>19 April 2018</b>		

### Items for 2018/19 Municipal Work Programme

Strategy to Tackle Violence against Women and Girls in Thurrock, 2017/20  
 Memorial and Floral Tribute Policy - Beau Stanford-Francis