

<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Mike Davis, District Head</b>
<b>To:</b>	<b>Erdington District Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>27 June 2017</b>

## **Progress Report on Implementation: Clean & Green Neighbourhood Challenge.**

<b>Date report approved by committee:</b>	29 March 2016
<b>Member who led the original review:</b>	Councillor Josh Jones
<b>Lead Officer for the review:</b>	Mike Davis
<b>Date progress last tracked:</b>	September 2016; January 2017; 28 March 2017

### **Background:**

In 2015/16, Members of Erdington District Committee agreed 'clean & green' issues would be the subject of its first neighbourhood challenge to determine if there were aspects of the current service provided that could be improved locally. Clean streets and well maintained parks and open spaces make a significant contribution to the quality of life experienced by local people and to the levels of satisfaction with the area in which they live.

A report was produced and approved by district committee on 29 March 2016 which examined three key areas:

- Parks & Open Spaces
- The district as a place to live, work study
- Refuse collection & Recycling

The original report further contained a number of specific recommendations as to how things might be done differently or better to improve the local environment for the benefit of local people.

During 2016/17, progress was made on a number of the specific recommendations with officers from the Parks Service (John Porter), Regulatory Services (Martyn Smith) and Waste Management (Nick Reid and Richard Smith) attending and providing updates to committee and responding to Members questions.

On 28 March 2017, a progress tracking report was presented to committee with details of each individual recommendation that featured in the original 29 March 2016 report and an update on progress to date. As not all actions had been fully completed, it was proposed that a further update be submitted to the first committee of the 2017/18 Municipal Year. A number of comments and observations made by Members at the March committee have been incorporated into this latest progress report together with further updated information where appropriate and available..

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## Progress with Recommendations - as at 28 June 2017

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R01	Improve refuse collection arrangements for flats above shops introducing wheelie bins where practical to do so	Depot Manager	March 2017	<b>Partially completed</b>

### Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

As at 1 December 2016 the whole of the Erdington Ward's red carded properties (unsuitable for wheelie bins) had been reassessed. The outcome of these assessments is set out in the attached spreadsheet.



Erdington red cards.xls

In summary; total properties changed to green 88, flats changed to green 48. On the spreadsheet the reassessments for flats are highlighted in blue, where there is an anomaly such as property not residential etc., these are highlighted in orange. The remaining wards in the District will be reassessed as resources permit.

At the March committee members requested more details of the roll out timetable to review red card properties in other Wards and also suggested that even where individual wheelie bins are still deemed unsuitable (such as high rise properties) there is still a need for improvement to be considered in the collection arrangements.

Lead officer: Nick Reid

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R02	Improve refuse collection arrangements to residents in newly built homes within district	Depot Manager	Sept 2016	<b>Completed</b>

### Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

Where we have identified a new housing development an officer has visited and left contact details with the site office, most have been receptive to ordering bins in bulk when a block of properties are complete, so bins should be on site when residents move in. A few examples in the Erdington district are:

- Probuild 360 – 6 new builds on Eachelhurst Road, Tyburn Ward
- Forward Homes – large development on Jarvis Road and Baldmoor Lake Road, Erdington Ward
- Cameron Homes – Paget Close development of approx. 20 houses, Tyburn Ward
- Kier Construction - large development of over 100 properties on Beechmount Drive, Erdington Ward.

Additionally we have been developing links with officers within BMHT and Housing Department to ensure wheelie bins are delivered and collections routed as soon as possible.

Lead Officer: Nick Reid

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R03	Provide a list of homes requiring alternative alley cat collection service and work to stabilise	Depot Manager	Sept 2016	Completed

#### Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

Table below is a list of properties in the Erdington District served by alley cat vehicle. The roads are arranged alphabetically by ward. The first column gives the crew name for our internal systems but it does include the collection day and therefore it has been included. (There are no collections in Tyburn Ward for the alley cat as the regular vehicles are able to access all roads.)

P_REFUSE_AC1_WED FWM	Avalon Close	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC1_WED FWM	Blossom Hill	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Bromford Close	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC1_WED FWM	Campion Gardens	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC1_WED FWM	Chase Grove	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC1_WED FWM	Elphinstone End	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC1_WED FWM	Harrison Road	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Hawthorn Close	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC1_WED FWM	Penndale Close	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC1_WED FWM	Sandon Grove	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC1_WED FWM	Shrub Lane	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC1_WED FWM	Spring Hill	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC1_WED FWM	The Feldings	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC1_WED FWM	Wesley Road	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Westland Close	Erdington
P_REFUSE_AC2_MON FWM	Greenwood Place	Kingstanding
P_REFUSE_AC2_MON FWM	Kings Road	Kingstanding
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Alleyne Grove	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Anchorage Road	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Apple Tree Close	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Boundary Road	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Broomfield Road	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Canterbury Close	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	City View	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Copeley Hill	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Elder Way	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Frances Road	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Hampton Road	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Hockley Road	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Hospital Street	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Kenneth Grove	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Kerby Road	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Kings Road	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Linton Walk	Stockland Green

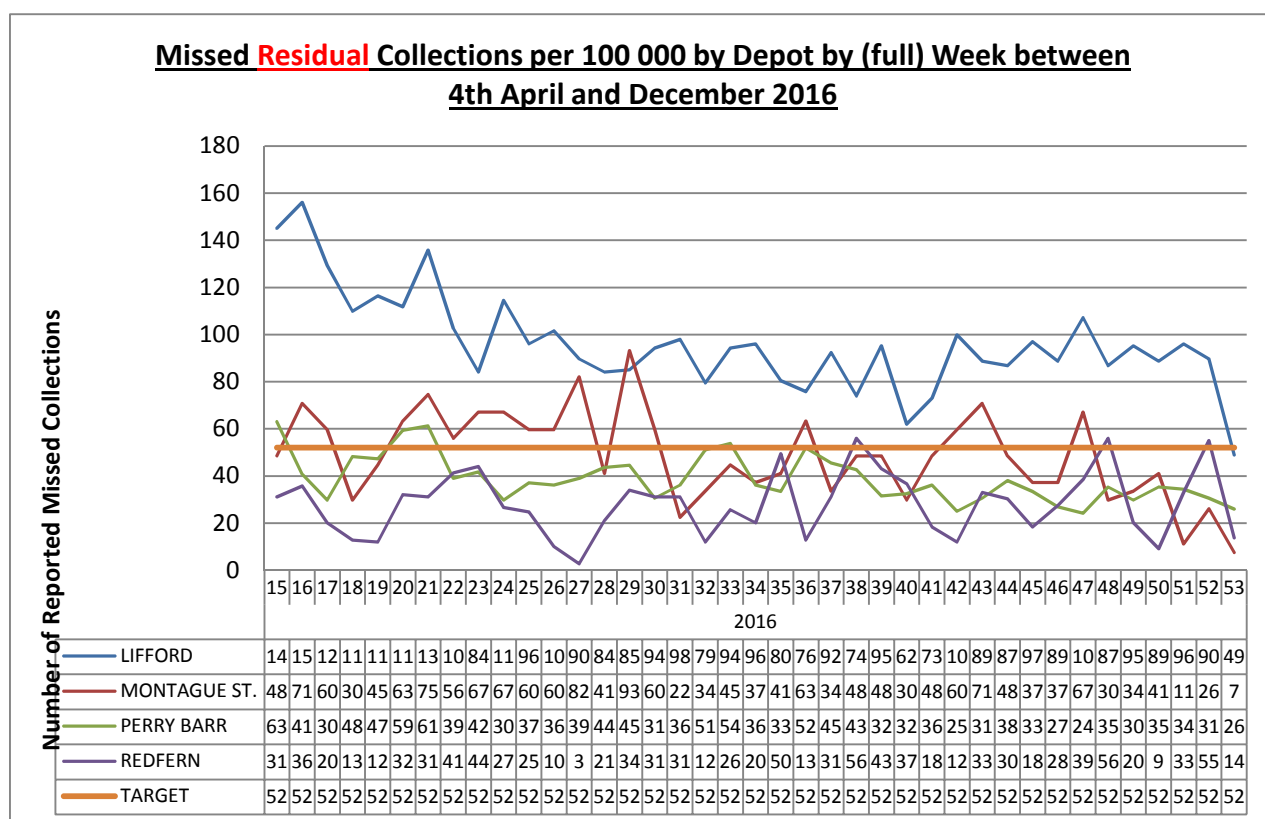
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Mere Street	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Neville Road	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Northcroft Way	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Pattison Gardens	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Prince William Close	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Purley Grove	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Queens Road	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Redbank Avenue	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Ripley Grove	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Rosewood Drive	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Southcroft Road	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Springfield	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Staff Way	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Stockland Road	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Taylors Orchard	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Teal Drive	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	The Drive	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	The Laurels	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Tower Road	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Tudor Gardens	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Ward Street	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Welbeck Grove	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC2_THU FWM	Windsor Place	Stockland Green
P_REFUSE_AC1_THU FWM	Yerbury Grove	Stockland Green

Lead Officer: Nick Reid

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R04	Ensure all bins are collected on the day specified (and not the next day) Improved communication on missed collections and when round not completed from crew to depot and then to Members	Depot Manager	Sept 2016	Partially completed

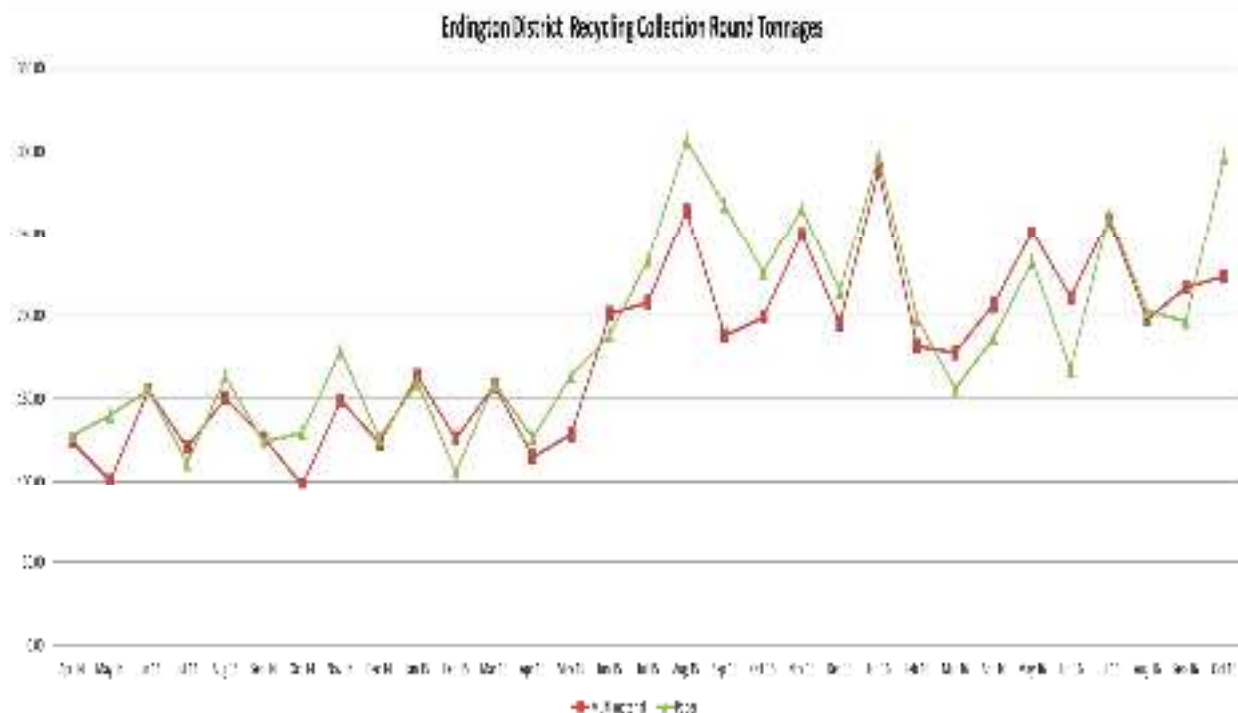
#### Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')

Recruitment of drivers and a reduced reliability upon agency staff alongside some in house recruiting has improved reliability of collections and has led to a reduction in complaints.



Missed collections were until recently reported to the BCC Newsroom and posted for residents to check. Additionally the Strategic Director would post messages on Twitter detailing missed collections. As incomplete work has reduced this is no longer carried out.

The amount of paper and mixed recycling collected in the district has increased since the introduction of wheelie bins, The Table below charts the collection volumes for both paper and mixed recycling.



As a consequence the overall recycling rate for the district has risen. Table 3 shows the collection volumes for all waste streams for the month of April in 2014, 2015 and 2016; wheelie bin collections commenced June 2015. The attached spreadsheet contains the complete data from April 2014 – October 2016.



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District	Waste	Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16
Erdington	Residual	1342.60	1229.3	1370.47
Erdington	Multi-material	124.59	115.18	206.50
Erdington	Paper	127.62	126.31	186.78
	Total Collected	1594.81	1470.79	1763.75
	Total Recycling	252.21	241.49	393.28
	% Recycling	15.81%	16.42%	22.30%

At the March committee members noted that a request to re-instate communication to ward members about missed collections within the Ward had not been considered or, if it had, they were not aware of the outcome of their request.

Lead Officer: Nick Reid

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
<b>R05</b>	<b>Share street cleansing rotas with Members and partners at ward level to ensure the same resource is best meeting local needs</b>	<b>Depot Manager</b>	<b>Sept 2016</b>	<b>Not completed</b>

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

Following the successful Proof of concept undertaken in Washwood Heath and Hall Green, Planning is underway to provide a model with associated resources that can be rolled out across the City. Current plans can be shared but they will be subject to change once this planning has been completed and implemented. We are currently finalising the plans based on the 2017/18 budget allocation and will be happy to share them with the members closer to the anticipated April start date.

At the March committee concern was expressed that details of the current cleaning rota had still not yet been shared with members.

Lead Officer: Nick Reid

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R06	<b>Make better use of EQS reports at Tasking meeting, Members meetings and in district clean &amp; Green group</b>	<b>EQS Surveyor / District Head/ Tasking Chairs</b>	<b>March 2017</b>	<b>Completed</b>

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

Reports obtained twice during 2016/17 from relevant officer and distributed to ward tasking chair with suggestion they are considered at next meeting. Also discussed at Erdington District clean & green group meetings.

Mr Qudeer advises that a new publicly accessible web based 'dashboard' is being developed with key environmental performance indicators which may in time result in the EQS reports being phased out in their current format. However the actual surveys will continue but the dashboard in itself should in time lead to better use being made of the survey information.

June 2017 update: M Quadeer advises the service will still produce one EQD report per ward for 2017/18 and these will be distributed to members

Lead Officer: Mohammed Qudeer

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R07	<b>Recycling Banks to be removed in conjunction and with agreement of Ward Members to ensure implications understood.</b>	<b>Waste Enforcement Officer</b>	<b>Sept 2016</b>	<b>Completed</b>

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

The removal of on street recycling banks was conducted following a cost benefit analysis of the banks against clear up costs. A high proportion of the surface banks have now been removed as a result of the ongoing issues of theft, vandalism, Flytipping and income generation. The recycling banks remain at the household recycling centres as well as some supermarkets and on private land. There is an ongoing project to look at the cost of capping some of the underground banks.

The contact officer for any queries relating to this project is Mohamed Qudeer in the Waste Prevention Team. A list of Underground and European recycling Banks was distributed to all Members by email on 08 02 2017.

At March Committee members advised that removal of underground recycling banks was a city decision not always supported locally and, on most occasions, removal had taken place without consultation or even notification to ward members. Concern was also expressed by members that underground recycling banks had simply been closed / sealed off but not removed, due to the cost involved, and this was resulting in items still be deposited on the site making sites potentially unsafe and unsightly. It was recognised that improved signage at these closed sites may have only partial success in preventing items being left on the surface of the site. Ultimately funds will be required to remove the underground banks entirely and to make good the surface repairs necessary to eliminate the problem.

June 2017 update: M Quadeer advises [The bottle banks on supermarkets have been removed, the only banks are from ERC \(European Recycling\) which is authorised by BCC and you will also have some on private land. Any unauthorised bank found on the public highway will be given notice to remove, if not removed we will get a contractor to remove and scrap. The underground banks, capped off and signs have been put on... no further developments.](#)

[ERC sites approved by BCC and based in the district:](#)

HWRC Tameside Drive	Tameside Drive	Castle Bromwich
Sainsburys Recycling Area	1211 Chester Road	Castle Vale
Recycling Area	Old Bell Road	Erdington
Recycling Area	Pype Hayes Road	Tyburn
Recycling Area	Innsworth Drive	Tyburn

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R08	<b>Encourage regular enforcement around trade waste contracts</b>	<b>Environmental Health Officer</b>	<b>Sept 2016</b>	<b>Completed</b>

#### **Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

Whilst there is no statutory requirement to inspect businesses in respect of their trade waste arrangements, trade waste inspections are conducted by the waste enforcement unit (WEU) as well as routinely by Environmental health. Every inspection conducted, such as food hygiene, will incorporate a check of the businesses trade waste contract.

Investigations conducted by the WEU, where business waste is found in the evidential chain, will also include a duty of care inspection and notice in respect of that business.

The figures below highlight where a visit has been made and the trade waste contract could not be produced immediately. In these circumstances a demand notice is issued by the officer requiring the business to produce their trade waste contract within 7 days. The businesses that do not comply with the notice are issued with a fixed penalty notice. During 2016/17 a further 82



businesses trade compliance inspections were carried out.

2015/16	Erdington	Stockland Green	Tyburn	Kingstanding	TOTAL
Investigations into commercial waste disposal suspected offences and offences	30	45	47	11	133
Section 34 Environmental Protection Act demand notices issued: (trade waste statutory information demands)	21	28	19	3	71
Section 34 Environmental Protection Act fixed penalty notices issued to businesses (£300)	8	4	5	1	18

Lead Officer: Martyn Smith

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R09	<b>Greater communication with District Members about enforcement campaigns to allow resources to be influenced / targeted.</b>	<b>Environmental Health Officer</b>	<b>Sept 2016</b>	<b>Completed</b>

#### **Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

##### June 2017 update

There are some legal requirements and data protection issues that affect what the council can share with the public and elected members during ongoing investigations. However, **greater efforts will be made to communicate in advance details of any public education campaigns and also to inform councillors of enforcement successes at the appropriate time. Officers continue to respond to Councillors on an individual level regarding specific problem and hot spot locations;** and in particular whilst attempting to identify a long term solution / resolutions. As part of this officers will continue to seek to alert elected members, other representatives and local tasking group partners of educational activities and campaigns. These include, for example community led litter picking activities and schools based waste prevention presentation activities co-ordinated through the Waste Prevention Team in Regulation and Enforcement.

Further, elected members currently feed in to the waste enforcement unit (WEU) details of specific incidents and reports of alleged fly-tipping. This, along with eye witness accounts are key sources of information that the WEU uses to assess what options are available and best suited to target suspect offenders or locations. We use this information to specifically target locations and undertake enforcement exercises that can include duty of care inspections, waste searches, door knocking exercises for evidence gathering and education.

The outcomes from criminal proceedings, city wide continue to be reported quarterly through the

published reports of the Licensing and Public Protection Committee.

Lead Officer: Tony Quigley / Martyn Smith

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R10	Greater enforcement around fly posting where contact details are readily available	Environmental Health Officer	Sept 2016	Completed

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

This would include placards and posters on lamp columns or displayed on street furniture. In the past both criminal and civil proceedings have been used to deter offenders. AMEY officers have the authority to remove placards and where pubs and clubs have been identified their license can be 'called in' for review.

At March committee members asked for information to be obtained from AMEY on removal of placards and related prosecutions. It was suggested that local engineers may maintain records where they have personally removed placards. Information will be assembled for June meeting.

June 2017 update Iain Aiken, District Engineer: [Subject Flyposting](#)

As a team we do what we can to remove unauthorised posters and banners as and when issues are reported to us. Subject to us having enough time we also remove posters when we happen to spot them. This is best done in dry weather as the posters and banners can be fairly big and often dirty and we have to transport them in our own vehicles

Over the last few years we have personally removed over 1300 posters and I'm sure this number will increase as there are plenty of companies intent on advertising in this way. We keep a record of all the posters that we remove.

In addition to our hands on approach, Amey inspectors will also make a note of any flyposting on street furniture that they spot and these are then removed by their response vehicle as and when they are in the area.

Removals and enforcement action can also be taken by Environmental Health and I have attached one Sutton Observer article from April 2015 of one such case in Erdington.

Headline: A flyposter caught in the act promoting a CCTV company on Erdington traffic lights has been prosecuted at Birmingham Magistrates' Court.

A FLYPOSTER who tried to illegally advertise a CCTV company on traffic lights in Erdington has been ordered to pay £1,500.

Luke Madden, 29, was caught sticking adverts for the surveillance firm on the warning lights in Bromford Lane, Erdington, on 13 August 2014 but was caught in the act by a Birmingham City Council officer.

The 29-year-old from Dimbles Lane in Lichfield was ordered to pay £1,500 (£1,000 fine, £400 costs and a £100 victim surcharge) at Birmingham Magistrates Court on Thursday (April 30) after being found guilty in his absence under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

A spokesperson for Birmingham City Council said: "It is illegal to advertise on council property such as traffic lights, lamp posts and pedestrian railings. Birmingham Environmental Health will take action to prosecute anyone caught flyposting or gaining benefit from the advert."

I have asked Russell Davey (Environmental Health) whether he has anything further he can add from his side and I'll let you know what response I get.

Flyposting on can be reported on the Birmingham City Council website by following the link below;

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/flyposting>

As an aside to the illegal flyposting, we are able to permit charities, funfairs and other local organisations to erect posters to advertise their events. Permission is only given if the promoter completes the attached indemnity form and agrees to the attached list of conditions.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R11	Better deployment of mobile CCTV cameras in conjunction with Members (e.g Car parks)	Place Manager (Community Safety)	Sept 2016	Completed

#### **Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

At March Committee Pam Powis advised that a review of deployable cameras is underway by West Midlands Police as many no longer work and are not cost effective to repair. However, it was clarified by members that it is the cameras held by BCC Waste Enforcement Team that members primarily wish to influence in terms of their deployment (because police controlled cameras will not likely be set aside for environmental crime detection.)

#### June 2017 update

The deployment of cameras by the WEU, both overt and covert is undertaken in conjunction with legislation and guidance audited through, legal services and the Office of the surveillance commissioner.

A range of data is used and assessments made to ensure that the use of cameras is proportionate, necessary and reasonable in the circumstances and that any collateral intrusion is limited. In respect of covert cameras or directed surveillance an application has to be made to the courts and a district judge will determine the application. Information supplied by members is continually assessed and used as part of this process to decide if cameras should be deployed to try and catch the offenders.

Where there is large scale Flytipping on a regular basis applications are made to monitor these sites, however a key consideration that must be explored first is whether other tactics could be undertaken to stop the fly tipping.

All other deployable cameras are managed by West Midland police and a criteria applies to deployment. Elected members can best influence deployment of CCTV via requests made at the ward tasking meeting or to the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Strategic Lead: Tony Quigley & Local lead: Pamela Powis

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
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<b>R12</b>	<b>Work toward introducing more regular systematic cleaning arrangements in place on BCC local car parks</b>	<b>District Car Parks Lead</b>	<b>Sept 2016</b>	<b>Completed</b>
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**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

As at March 2017 cleaning of Erdington car parks remains on an ad-hoc basis when necessary. The last clean-up was late February when Unpaid Work (Community Payback) litter picked Church Road 2 due to high levels of litter including alcohol receptacles. There have been recent complaints of drinking on the car park with their litter left behind, The BCC Waste Management Team have been asked to consider the suitability of a bin on the highway as a convenience.

Going forward plans for every Pay & Display Local Car Park in the city have gone to both BCC Waste Management and the Unpaid Work Team to provide quotes for regular litter clearance and so it is possible, subject to affordability, that a more systematic planned approach to car park clean ups could be put in place in 2017/18.

June 2017 update:

Car parks across the city are currently cleaned on an ad-hoc basis by Community Payback (unpaid work), waste management, community groups etc. Karl is in discussions with officers at a senior level to determine whether a city wide strategy can be put in place to better manage the litter clearance in all of the car parks. These discussions are at an early stage and there is nothing to report other than that various options are to be considered.

Local lead officers: Karl Randall / Iain Aitken

<b>No.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Original Date For Completion</b>	<b>Assessment of progress toward completion</b>
<b>R13</b>	<b>Better use of Housing Environmental Capital Budget to tackle hotspot areas</b>	<b>Budget Programme Lead</b>	<b>March 2017</b>	<b>Completed</b>

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

All projects proposed for 2016/17 by relevant housing officers came to district committee for comments and support of members. It is suggested this continues in future years with members being given opportunity to submit proposals for capital improvements on housing owned sites that improve the environment.

Lead officer is Housing's Mark Rodgers alongside local manager Patrick Canavan

June 2017 update: There will be a request extended by Mike at committee, on behalf of Mark Rodgers, for one councillor from each Ward to work with him in 2017/18 in developing and agreeing the programme.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R14	Potential to expand wildflower meadow approach (rather than grass cutting) in conjunction and with agreement of Members and partners	Area Parks Manager	Sept 2016	Ongoing / substantially completed

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

Additional areas added across the District. Community support and member support is flourishing. The meadows at Castle Vale and The Pimple have been a success and The Friends of The Pimple secured funds from Tesco to help continue producing a meadow this year.

Lead officer John Porter, BCC Parks Manager.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R15	Share the Grounds Maintenance specification with Members and partners to involve in monitoring and agreeing any future savings	Area Parks Manager	Sept 2016	Completed.

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

Information shared with members on a ward basis in February 2017. Core standards have reduced in line with budget. As works across the city are being amended / ceased the schedules will need to be updated as new programmes are established.

Lead officer: John Porter

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R16	Improve links between BOSF (Birmingham Open Spaces Forum) and Friends of Parks Groups. Improve communications with Friends Groups and work with them toward attracting external funds where possible	Area Parks Manager / District Members / District Head	Sept 16	Completed.

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

John Porter, Parks Manager engaging with new Friends of groups where possible e.g. Rookery, Greenwood Place, The Pimple etc and offering advice on external funding sources.

June 2017 update: Sarah Royal from BOSF attended the 19 May meeting of the Erdington District

clean & green group and she continues to work with the parks manager and staff to promote and support Friends groups.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R17	Consider if the five park keepers within Erdington parks can be used more flexibly to support a neighbouring park.	Area Parks Manager	Sept 2016	<b>Not completed</b>

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

This action cannot be achieved at this time. Park keepers posts are being affected by budget reduction programmes and no alternative operating models are available where there is no available budget.

June 2017 update at the Erdington Clean & Green Group in May it was suggested that the original budget proposal to delete all park keepers across the city was largely being implemented but in Erdington District there had been some decisions to retain park keepers principally where there was a strong Friends Group that lobbied against the loss of their park keeper.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R18	Pilot no parking on grass verges in a small part Perry Common in conjunction with Witton Lodge Community Association and then explore potential to expand into other areas.	WLCA/ BCC	Sept 2016	<b>To be completed by March 17</b>

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

Witton Lodge expressed a desire to work with BCC, police and partners on a pilot. Funding to progress has become available late in the financial year 2016/17 and needs to be spent within the year and so a small scale pilot is being undertaken before the end of March 2017 with results not available until 2017/18.

Lead partner: Linda Hines/ Afzal Hussain, Witton Lodge Community Association

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R19	District Committee to receive progress report 6 months and 12 months after completion and agreement to the challenge recommendations	District Head	Sept 2016 & March 2017	<b>Completed</b>

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

Both verbal and written updates have been brought before Erdington District Committee during 2016/17 and on into 2017/18.

June 2017 update

The lead officer would like to draw a line under this original 2015/16 challenge exercise, if it is felt sufficient progress has now been made, in order for the limited resource available to be directed toward other priorities such as the Erdington 'mental health' Neighbourhood Challenge.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Assessment of progress toward completion
R20	Maintain the district clean and green group and ensure the Neighbourhood Challenge recommendations are shared with partners and progress reported to the group	District Head	Sept 16	Fully Completed

**Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')**

The district clean & green group has been maintained throughout the 2016/17 year and into 2017/18 year bringing partners together to share details of activities and to network. The Neighbourhood Challenge has been discussed with partners at most meetings during the year.

June 2017 update: This has been sustained by the lead officer. It last met in May 2017 and will meet every 4 months to provide partners the opportunity to keep in touch, share news and support each other with clean & green programmes and projects

Lead officer: Mike Davis

**Recommendations to Committee:**

Committee are asked to:

1. Note further progress and updates with the Neighbourhood Challenge recommendations
2. Close this particular challenge exercise.
3. Advise of any other committees or forums that should receive this challenge report