

# Birmingham City Council

## Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

16 February 2023



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**Subject:** Cleaner Streets – Summary of Recommendations  
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### 1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out the proposed policy recommendations from the Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny in relation to Cleaner Streets, specifically litter, street cleansing and graffiti. These draft recommendations, for discussion with the Cabinet Member for Environment at the meeting are outlined in Appendix 1.

### 2 Recommendations

#### 2.1 That the Committee

##### 2.1.1 Reviews, and agrees any amendments to, the proposed

**Recommendations and ‘What does Success look like’ set out in Appendix 1; and**

##### 2.1.2 Submits final recommendations and ‘What does Success look like’ by letter to the Cabinet Member for Environment for a formal response

### 3 Background

- 3.1 In July 2022, the Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed a focus around Cleaner Streets, and specifically street cleansing, graffiti, and litter. The intention was to make policy recommendations based on the learning and best practice from other Local Authorities.
- 3.2 The Committee considered evidence from three Local Authorities (Derby, Rochdale, and Wigan) in separate informal sessions between November 2022 and January 2023. Further to this, the Committee has also been informed by

discussions at its meetings in November and January on the Fly-tipping Inquiry; this had been approved by Council in February 2021.

- 3.3 The Committee met informally on 16 January 2023 to review the evidence it had received and to develop these draft recommendations.

#### **4 Summary of Evidence**

- 4.1 A summary of the evidence is attached in Appendix 2. This outlines the key themes and learning which has informed its draft recommendations.

#### **5 Any Finance Implications**

- 5.1 The proposed recommendations outlined in Appendix 1 will have financial implications. The specific nature of these implications will need to be determined ahead of a formal response from the Cabinet Member for Environment to these recommendations.

#### **6 Any Legal Implications**

- 6.1 Both individually and collectively the proposed recommendations outlined in Appendix 1 do have legal implications. The specific nature of these implications will need to be determined ahead of a formal response from the Cabinet Member for Environment to these recommendations once more detailed plans are prepared by the respective service areas.

#### **7 Any Equalities Implications**

- 7.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

7.1.1 eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;

7.1.2 advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;

7.1.3 foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

- 7.2 The Committee should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during the development and delivery of its work programme. Specifically for this work on Cleaner Streets, the Committee has considered how the evidence they have received has impacted on different groups within the community, particularly those that share a relevant protected characteristic; whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate; whether there is equality of access to services and fair representation of all groups within Birmingham; and whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people are being realised.

7.3 The Council will need to ensure its ongoing Public Sector Equality Duties are considered in the event that the recommendations outlined in Appendix 1 are taken forward for consideration. The consideration and preparation of equality impact assessments should be taken into account for each recommendation on an ongoing basis.

## **8 Appendices**

8.1 Appendix 1 – Summary of Recommendations

8.2 Appendix 2 – Summary of Evidence