

Report of:	Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Parks
To:	Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date:	8 July 2021

Progress Report on Implementation: Reducing Fly-tipping

Review Information

Date approved at City Council:	2 nd February 2021
Member who led the original review:	Cllr Penny Holbrook
Lead Officer for the review:	Emma Williamson
Date progress last tracked:	25 th March 2021

1. In approving this Review the City Council asked me, as the appropriate Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Parks, to report on progress towards these recommendations to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
2. Details of progress with the remaining recommendations are shown in Appendix 2.
3. Members are therefore asked to consider progress against the recommendations and give their view as to how progress is categorized for each.

Appendices

1	Scrutiny Office guidance on the tracking process
2	Recommendations you are tracking today
3	Recommendations tracked previously and concluded

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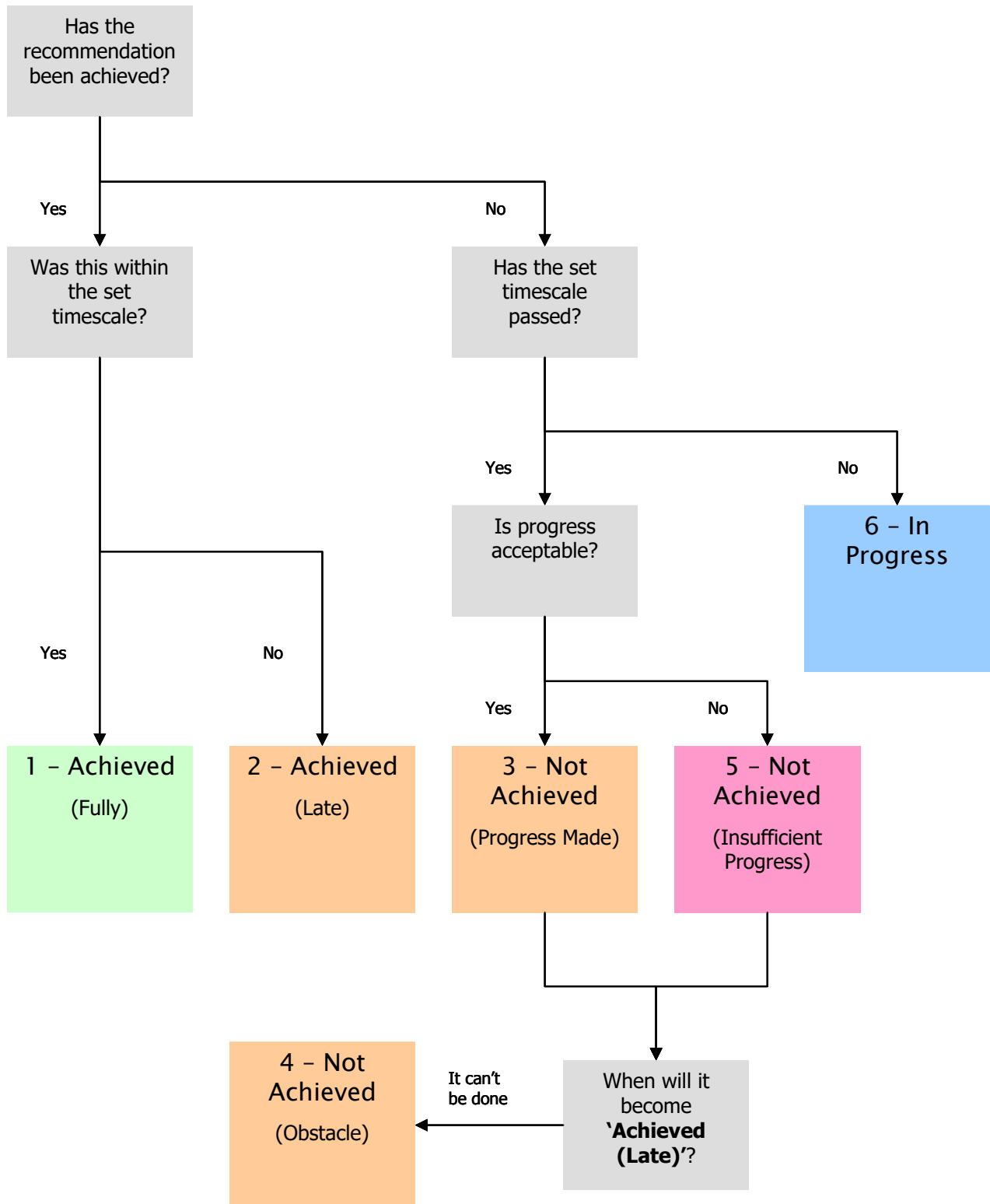
Appendix 1: The Tracking Process

In making its assessment, the Committee may wish to consider:

- What progress/ key actions have been made against each recommendation?
- Are these actions pertinent to the measures required in the recommendation?
- Have the actions been undertaken within the time scale allocated?
- Are there any matters in the recommendation where progress is outstanding?
- Is the Committee satisfied that sufficient progress has been made and that the recommendation has been achieved?

Category	Criteria
1: Achieved (Fully)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has been fully implemented within the timescale specified.
2: Achieved (Late)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has been fully implemented but not within the timescale specified.
3: Not Achieved (Progress Made)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved, but there has been significant progress made towards full achievement. An anticipated date by which the recommendation is expected to become achieved must be advised.
4: Not Achieved (Obstacle)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved, but all possible action has been taken. Outstanding actions are prevented by obstacles beyond the control of the Council (such as passage of enabling legislation).
5: Not Achieved (Insufficient Progress)	The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved and there has been insufficient progress made towards full achievement. An anticipated date by which the recommendation is expected to become achieved must be advised.
6: In Progress	It is not appropriate to monitor achievement of the recommendation at this time because the timescale specified has not yet expired.

The Tracking Process



Appendix 2: Progress with Recommendations

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R01	"Naming and shaming" should be introduced in Birmingham, backed up by investment in mobile CCTV cameras. The Cabinet Member is asked to report back on a timescale for implementation to the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee.	Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks	March 2021	3
Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')				
<p>25 March 2021</p> <p>Implementation of the recommendation requires the council to have in place a fair and transparent process and policy for processing CCTV imagery and officers from Legal Services, Corporate Information and Waste Enforcement are progressing the development of this. The primary purpose of mobile cctv is preventing, apprehending or detecting offending. It is anticipated that consideration under the framework of the Regulation and Enforcement Division's Enforcement Policy will be necessary. (<u>May/June 2021</u>, subject to agreement through the Licensing and Public Protection Committee).</p> <p>8 June 2021</p> <p>Following legal advice, a report will be taken to Cabinet in July seeking approval to consult on a draft policy framework covering the Publicising Fly-tipping and Environmental Crime Cases. Following this a decision report will be brought back to Cabinet for approval and implementation.</p> <p>The City already has a number of cameras in operation for targeted fly tip locations and resources have been released for an additional 10 cameras.</p>				
No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R02	The working group on CCTV cameras should consider the evidence from this inquiry with a view to a rapid implementation of the use of CCTV to tackle fly-tipping. The Cabinet Member is asked to bring back a report to Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee on this.	<p>Cabinet Member, Social Inclusion, Community Safety & Equalities</p> <p>Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks</p>	March 2021	2
Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')				
<p>25 March 2021</p> <p>An application process has been agreed with the Corporate Information team for the wider use of cctv under the Surveillance Camera Commissioner's Code of Practice. A camera purchase quotation process will shortly commence through the Corporate Procurement team and as a pre-cursor to this, the Waste Enforcement Unit is conducting field-trials using a new type of cctv camera which may prevent the need to install multiple cameras at a fly-tipping hotspot. (<u>June 2021</u> - The anticipated progression timeline for the CPS quotation and evaluation).</p> <p>8 July 2021</p> <p>This has been completed and additional cameras have been ordered</p>				
No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R03	A review of prosecution strategies for fly-tipping, in particular the use of fixed penalty notices, with a view to adopting the Barking	Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks	March 2021	1

	& Dagenham approach, should be undertaken to ensure that this fits what is needed currently.	Deputy Leader Chair, Licensing & Public Protection Committee		
Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')				
<p>25 March 2021</p> <p>Use of FPNs is set by statute, statutory guidance and locally through the Council's Enforcement Policy. The Council is legally obliged to review the Enforcement Policy and this was last approved by the Licensing and Public Protection Committee in November 2020. In January 2021 the operational leads for waste enforcement and criminal litigation teams reviewed the utility of the current policy, including the guidance it provides to officers on evidential thresholds and decision making. No specific changes or recommendations were identified as requiring changes in order to support wider use of FPNs and ongoing arrangements are in place to review FPN outcomes, including FPN payment rates and cases concluded at court. Evaluation of approaches forms part of the Council's response plan to the Independent Wood Review. Staffing levels within the WEU is being increased and this will increase capacity.</p>				
No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R04	That the Cabinet Member considers implementing a model of Community Protection Officers in Birmingham, to meet the council's statutory functions at the first stages of contact. The model should involve other areas of the Council and agencies such as the Police. The aim should be for one CPO per councillor, a total of 101 for Birmingham.	Cabinet Members: Street Scene and Parks, Social Inclusion, Community Safety & Equalities, Transport & Environment, Finance & Resources	March 2021	2
Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')				
<p>25 March 2021</p> <p>A model has been developed to trial the concept. Fly tipping figures have been used to identify 6 Wards to introduce a specific Enforcement and Engagement Officer. They will be the key point of contact and provide routine enforcement inspections. This will include Duty of Care inspections. The 6 officers will cover Sparkbrook & Balsall Heath East, Bordesley Green, Alum Rock, Soho & Jewellery Quarter, Small Heath and Aston.</p> <p>8 July 2021</p> <p>There is an Enforcement and Engagement officer now in each of the identified Wards. We will monitor their performance and effectiveness</p>				
No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R05	That a report is brought to the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee on the impact of the HRC booking system and recommendations on whether this should continue post-Covid.	Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks	March 2021	3
Evidence of Progress (and Anticipated Completion Date if 'Not Achieved')				
<p>25 March 2021</p> <p>Data has been reviewed and discussions have taken place to identify the pros and cons for the HWRC booking system. A report is being developed and could be submitted to the April 2021 meeting of the Housing and Neighbourhoods O&S Committee.</p> <p>8 July 2021</p>				

A report was taken to the April Committee, since then the daily slots at all sites have been increased in line with the changes in Covid restrictions. Following the last increase in slots there have been available slots at all HWRCs on a daily basis.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R06	That local community groups that clear rubbish or hold litter picks are supported by their local depot with waste collections and that the Cabinet Member looks at whether community clearance of communal land and back alley ways can also be supported.	Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks	February 2021	2

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

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Support for local activities has been reduced due to Covid legislation. As lockdown restrictions are eased support will be given to local communities and groups. This will include, training, insurance, equipment and the collection and disposal of waste. Additional resources have been identified within the 2021/22 budget to support communities and that will include picking up the rubbish that volunteer groups have collected from communal land and alleyways. The support will increase from 29th March 2021

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Support has been provided to numerous groups across the whole City. Litter picks have been taking place supported by the Service. Three open days have been held to show the equipment available to residents and requests have been responded to. Thousands of pieces of equipment have been supplied to groups across the city.

Support will be provided to groups irrespective of land they are working on.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R07	That the charges on bulky waste are reviewed with a view to removing these charges, or as a minimum removing these for vulnerable groups (including those on low income or with disabilities)	Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks	March 2021	4

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

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Options are currently being developed and appraised regarding changes to the existing payment model for the service with the aim to specifically support residents where the current fee is a barrier to use. In addition, new funding has been identified in the 2021/22 budget for two additional vehicles and crews to carry out bulky waste collections. These new crews will support the three existing crews, which currently provide the service.

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We have reviewed this recommendation and given the impact on the budget it is considered unachievable, we have therefore decided to try and offer a different solution. We have found that Nottingham is one of the few authorities to offer a free collection service:

- One free collection per household per year and £15 per collection thereafter
- All electrical collections chargeable - £10 for the first item and £7.50 per item thereafter.

Nottingham has still seen a growth of 47% in fly tipping 2017-2020 compared to Birmingham's 36% increase.

The plan is to create 4 mobile HRC teams. They will operate across the City and the team will comprise a compactor vehicle (for non-recyclable items) a multi sort vehicle (for recyclable items) and a box van to take an item that could be reused. The Team will visit individual roads, Parks or housing estates and stay there for up to 4 hours to allow residents to bring their waste to them. The crew on site will be there to assist and support residents. There is currently one team in operation and is working in the Selly Park

area supporting student cross over and the remaining 3 teams will be up and running within the next 4 weeks.

No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Original Date For Completion	Cabinet Member's Assessment
R08	Progress towards achievement of these recommendations should be reported to the Housing and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee no later than April 2021. Subsequent progress reports will be scheduled by the Committee thereafter, until all recommendations are implemented.	Cabinet Member, Street Scene and Parks	April 2021	1

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

This progress report is submitted to the July 2021 meeting of the Housing and Neighbourhoods O & S Committee.

Appendix ③: Concluded Recommendations

These recommendations have been tracked previously and concluded. They are presented here for information only.

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No.	Recommendation	Responsibility	Date Concluded by Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Tracking Assessment