Overview & Scrutiny Committee 16 November 2016

Report title Environmental Crime Scrutiny Commission update

Wards: All

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Report summary

The Environmental Crime Scrutiny Commission was established in the summer of 2013. The Commission’s report, which examined the scale and impact of environmental crime in Lambeth and made a number of recommendations for how the council can reduce environmental crime in the borough, was approved by the Cabinet in March 2015. This report sets out the updated action plan for the Environmental Crime Scrutiny Commission.

Finance summary

This is a progress update report for noting and there are no financial implications arising.

Recommendations

To note the 18 month update on the action plan for the Environmental Crime Scrutiny Commission.
1. **Context**

1.1 We want Lambeth to be a place that our residents are proud of and people love to visit. We know that one of the ways we will achieve this is by ensuring that our streets, town centres, housing and green spaces are clean, well maintained and environmentally sustainable.

1.2 Our top priority is to have clean streets. This is underpinned by a second outcome which is to encourage the responsible disposal of waste produced by families, communities and businesses in the Borough.

1.3 In order to encourage the responsible disposal of waste the Council provides and offers services that allow residents to dispose of their waste safely and regularly, including:

- Weekly residual waste collection
- Unlimited weekly recycling collections
- Bulky waste collections from the front door
- Weekly door step green waste collections
- Free and unlimited access to dispose of waste and recycling at Smugglers Way and Vale Street.

1.4 Our response to address the fly tipping incidents that a minority of residents undertake has been to use a blend of behaviour change programmes, which includes our Street Champions and educational materials as well as the use of enforcement to tackle the perpetrators; this is afterall, an antisocial behaviour enviroycrime. The Council continues to work with residents and businesses to improve environmental quality.

1.5 The Environmental Crime Scrutiny Commission report was agreed by Cabinet on 9 March 2015. The six-monthly updated was reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) on 14 October 2015. The 18 monthly update is attached as Appendix 1.

2. **Proposal and Reasons**

2.1 In response to the report of the Commission an action plan was been developed that outlined the appropriate response from the authority, within existing budgets and programs of work, where appropriate. The action plan, which covered areas such as enforcement, flytipping, dog fouling and refuse collection, contains 16 recommendations. Of these:

- Four actions are fully complete (9 11 12 13)
- Eight actions are complete with ongoing monitoring/activity (1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 15 and 16)
- Three actions are near completion (5, 6 and 14)
- One action had no action (7)

2.2 The major actions we have undertaken include:

- Combing the council’s community safety and environmental enforcement functions into one service, to full address key issues in our neighbourhoods
- Procuring the new fixed penalty notice service to issue fines for littering, spitting and dog fouling to increase our enforcement presence in the borough
- Improved information about recycling, garden waste and other disposal facilities, including the “Do the right thing” campaign to inform residents about enviroycrime
- Review of recycling bank locations to ensure they don’t become fly-tipping hotspots
- Borough wide roll-out of the green bag garden waste containment facilities
- Use of CCTV to aid in fly-tipping prosecutions
2.3 A six month update to the action plan was reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in October 2015. The table set out in Appendix 1 provides an 18 month update on the action plan. Following a request from Members for additional information, the Brixton Market Waste Management Plan (Appendix 2) and the Member briefing for the new enforcement service (Appendix 3) have also been provided.

2 Finance

2.3 This is a progress update report for noting and there are no financial implications.

3 Legal and Democracy

There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report which is intended to provide a progress update.

4 Consultation and co-production

N/A

5 Risk management

N/A

6 Equalities impact assessment

6.3 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

7 Community safety

8 Organisational implications

No implications

9 Timetable for implementation

The actions set out in the plan are ongoing.
## Audit trail

### Consultation

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### Background information

- Environmental Crime Commission report to Cabinet March 2015
  

  Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 14 October 2015

### Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Action Plan 18 month update
- Appendix 2 – Brixton Market Waste Management Plan
- Appendix 3 – Member briefing on new enforcement service