

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 3 January 2019

### INFORMATION BULLETIN – LITTERING (REP1926)

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This Information Bulletin is a document that is made available with the published agenda papers. It can include update information requested by the Committee, as well as information that a service considers should be made known to the Committee, but is not for discussion at the meeting.
2. This information bulletin gives an update on littering in the District.
3. Members are advised to contact officers if they have any questions about the Council's involvement in this area.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Cllr G Catchpole Cabinet Member for Operational Partnerships
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## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee has requested that information bulletins be provided as part of the agenda, where issues are required to be brought to Members' attention, but are not to be discussed at the meeting.
- 1.2 Members are requested to contact the officer shown on this report if they have any queries with regards to this information bulletin.

## 2 LITTERING & FLY TIPPING – EDUCATING RESIDENTS

- 2.1 Our Cleansing and Environmental Services Team work to take preventative measures, investigating incidents and the causes.
- 2.2 Local community groups, schools and Town & Parish Councils can organise litter picks with our help. Our Partners Waveney Norse will provide free disposable rubber gloves, sacks to collect the litter and will also arrange to collect and dispose of the rubbish collected. A form is available on the Council's website to register your interest in carrying out a litter pick.
- 2.3 During 2018 the Council have taken part in the following campaigns to help educate residents within the District around littering and fly tipping:

### 2.3.1 **Suffolk Anti-Litter campaign was launched at the start of 2018 in conjunction with the Suffolk Fly Tipping Action Group (Stag), on behalf of the Suffolk Waste Partnership**

- To raise awareness of the new littering penalty (inc banners and posters use)
  - FPNs currently £80
  - Maximum fine £1000
  - A successful prosecution brought through Ipswich Magistrates Court and offender ordered to pay a total of £830 fine, costs and compensation
- 46 fixed penalty notices have been issued and paid in respect to littering and fly tipping within the area of Suffolk Coastal & Waveney District
- To reduce litter on Suffolk's trunk roads, new orange litter bins were placed in some laybys to encourage responsible waste disposal
- Trialled a new bin monitoring device, viewed remotely to alert when emptying is required
- How to report fly-tipping on ES website

### 2.3.2 **Love East Suffolk community litter picking scheme was launched at the start of 2018**

- Circa 140 litter picks took place throughout WDC and SCDC by various different organisations, charities, parish councils, schools, scout groups and businesses
- Equipment hoops, picks and bags, provided by Suffolk Coastal & Waveney Norse for each pick and arranged collection and disposal of the waste

### 2.3.3 **Enforcement Days**

- 3 high impact multi-agency enforcement days organised by Suffolk Police with Norse
- Identifying any individuals carrying waste, ensuring they have the correct waste carriers licence
- Checking waste transfer documentation to ensure waste is being disposed of correctly

2.4 Looking ahead to 2019, the following proposals are suggested:

- Dog fouling article for the next WDC Tenants Newsletter
- Regular “Operation Quartzite” dates with multi-agency partners
- Carry out area walkabouts with Councillors, community enablers and local community members
- New tenancy letters detailing how to use the refuse collection service properly shared with the Eastern Landlords Association
- Work in partnership with other Local Authorities across Suffolk on the Litter Innovation Fund Roadside Littering campaign
- Work with local Housing Associations to provide education to their tenants not using the Refuse Collection service correctly

2.5 Residents can report littering and fly tipping easily by completing an online form or contacting the Council’s call centre.