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To: Councillors Barkley (Deputy Leader), Bokor, Harper-Davies, Mercer, Morgan (Leader), Poland, Rollings, Smidowicz, Taylor and Vardy (for attention)

All other members of the Council (for information)

You are requested to attend the meeting of the Cabinet to be held in The Preston Room, Woodgate Chambers, Woodgate, Loughborough on Thursday, 4th July 2019 at 6.00 pm for the following business.

Chief Executive

Southfields Loughborough

21st June 2019

AGENDA SUPPLEMENT - SCRUTINY COMMISSION REPORTS

6. <u>PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER CHARNWOOD CONTROL</u> 3 - 4 OF DOGS 2020

A report of the Head of Regulatory Services seeking approval of the Notice of Intention and, upon expiry of the 28-day notice period, approval of the Public Spaces Protection Order (Charnwood Borough Council) Control of Dogs 2020 under the provisions of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Key Decision

A report of the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces to consider the introduction of charges for the collection of bulky waste from households across the Borough.

Key Decision

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Report of the Scrutiny Commission

ITEM 6 PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER CHARNWOOD CONTROL OF DOGS 2020

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the approval of a formal Notice of Intention to renew the Borough wide Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Control.

Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Head of Regulatory Services.

Reason

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

Meeting Discussion

Following questions from the Commission, the Lead Member for Regulatory Services, Enforcement and Licensing and the Enviro-Crime and Dog Control Manager provided the following responses:

- (i) Residents had been consulted through a variety of ways and the total response had been 322 which was deemed to be positive.
- (ii) The list of dog exclusion zones in Loughborough had been drawn up with the Environmental Services Team and the list was up to date but the locations with a dog exclusion zone had to be enclosed with a boundary on all 4 sides which may exclude some of the children's play areas. Members were advised they could request for areas to be added if they felt they met the criteria.
- (iii) It was felt that the current mechanisms in place for controls dogs were working. The difference between dogs on lead and dogs on lead by direction was explained to the committee and they were advised that there had been a decrease in incidents since the last Public Spaces Protection Order was implemented in 2017.
- (iv) It was hoped that renewing the order would increase awareness of dog control in general, produce a decrease in dog fouling and to offer clarity of expectations for dog owners.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a scrutiny committee should be considered by the Cabinet.

<u>Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny</u>

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Paper: Scrutiny Commission Minute 20 2019/20,

1st July 2019

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ITEM 7

CHANGES TO BULKY WASTE COLLECTIONS

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the introduction of charges for all bulky waste collections.

Recommendations

- 1. That the review period for the implementation of the charge be undertaken in 6 months instead of 12 months' time.
- 2. That the first collection for all residents be free of charge.
- That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission supports the recommendations as set out in the report of the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces subject to the above amendments.

Reasons

- 1. To shorten the review period in case any changes need to be made to the scheme.
- 2. To help alleviate concerns over the cost implications for residents.
- 3. The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

Meeting Discussion

Following questions from the Commission, the Lead Member for the Performance of Major Contracts and the Head of Cleansing and Open Spaces provided the following responses:

- (i) The last two years of fly tipping data had been collated which showed an increase in the number of cases which followed the national trend but also showed that even under the current free system fly tipping still occurred.
- (ii) There was some discussion about the £20 charge proposed for collections. There was concern that residents on lower incomes would find it difficult to pay for collections and this might result in further fly tipping occurring.
- (iii) The Commission felt that more could be done to promote recycling and reuse of items in the Borough and suggested that a promotional campaign be undertaken alongside the new collection scheme to raise awareness of local charities and places where residents could take items for recycling.
- (iv) The option of a means tested charging scheme was discussed but it was felt that it would be too labour intensive to administer, and a single charge would be easier.

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<u>Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny</u>

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Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Key Decision: Yes

Background Paper: Scrutiny Commission Minute 21 2019/20,

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