

UPDATE ON STREET SCENE SERVICES – EDUCATION/ENFORCEMENT AND RECYCLING SERVICES

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Reason for Report: This report presents future options within the Street Scene Education and Enforcement Service and Recycling Service.

Recommendation: That Members note the contents of this report.

Financial Implications: None as this is an information report only.

Budget and Policy Framework: The Street Scene and Enforcement policies previously agreed set out the key aims, principles, priorities and options which secure regulatory compliance and both investigate and, where necessary, undertake enforcement action following breaches of regulations.

Legal Implications: None as this is an information report only.

Risk Assessment: This report is for information only.

Equality Impact Assessment: There are no equality issues identified in this report.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: Priorities within the Corporate Plan are economy, homes, community and environment. The Street Scene Service is a frontline service, which works throughout the district ensuring cleanliness and attractiveness of our public realm through collection of waste and recycling. This is assisted through education and enforcement.

Impact on Climate Change: With regards items 3 and 4 – any product that produces waste poses an environmental issue.

1.0 Introduction/Background

1.1 At the Environment PDG on 8 September it was requested that the service provide an update on the following:

- Private enforcement providers
- Protection for the District Officers following consideration of the CCTV report
- Whether additional small items such as non-reusable coffee pods can be added to the recycling scheme

- Whether additional metal items including saucepans/frying pans could be added to the recycling scheme

2.0 **Private enforcement**

2.1 In March 2020 East Hampshire District Council were contacted by MDDC to enquire about private enforcement for the issuing of FPNs. A virtual meeting took place in July 2020 to set out requirements for the enforcement and to discuss the possibility of a trial. The aim of this trial would be to reduce on street littering at a cost neutral service.

2.2 A draft deed of delegation was received at the end of July 2020. Legal services have identified a few issues regarding the deed and these have been sent back to East Hampshire District Council for clarification.

2.3 We are yet to receive a response regarding the queries however we have been in contact with another external enforcement company, which is currently being used by another local authority, to obtain information and cost on services they can provide. The company have shown an in-depth understanding and awareness of both the political and public sensitivities around delivering front line enforcement. Their aim is to provide a balanced and uncontroversial compliance service which is to inform and educate communities about the importance of their immediate environment and their community both socially and economically. We are currently waiting on financial information.

3.0 **Protection for District Officers following consideration of the CCTV report**

3.1 We are actively seeking information and quotes from two companies and a neighbouring authority for body worn cameras, which will assist the District Officers with their daily duties and more importantly provide personal safety. This will also assist with providing an open and transparent service.

3.2 We are wanting to source equipment, which provides an audio and visual record of enforcement activities undertaken by the wearer, and ensure sound and images are recorded whilst complying with legislation.

4.0 **Viability of recycling coffee pods**

4.1 Coffee pods are usually made from a combination of plastics and aluminium with organic matter contained inside. Some pods may be technically recyclable, but you need to dismantle, empty and clean them before they can go in the household recycling bin. Even then, their small size and the range of different types makes them difficult for our recycling facilities to process as they need to be loaded on to the conveyor belt, which can cause issues by jamming the belt and takes time to resolve.

4.2 Nespresso has the capacity to recycle 100% of its capsules. Currently, in the UK, Nespresso users can recycle their capsules in the following ways:

- At Nespresso boutiques or Nespresso cafes (43 in the UK and Republic of Ireland)
 - Booking a home collection through the Nespresso website or by calling Nespresso on 0800 442442 via drop off points including over 6000+ Collect+ locations.
- 4.3 Some manufacturers such as Lavazza are beginning to produce compostable coffee pods which can be added to the food waste recycling.
- 4.4 Dolce Gusto pods can only be recycled if ordered direct from the Dolce Gusto website. Using their collection bag, pods can then be dropped off at any Collect+ point.
- 4.5 Tassimo's plastic and aluminium pods can be recycled via TerraCycle. These pods will need to be taken to public drop-off points, which can be found on the TerraCycle website. There are only a few at present, which could result in a long journey.
- 5.0 **Recycling metal trays, pots and pans**
- 5.1 Following conversations with the collections company, these can be recycled along with recently introduced Small WEEE recycling. Due to the success of Small WEEE recycling, the container boxes (stillages) that hold the small electricals during transportation are almost always full. The expectation is that this will plateau in the coming months allowing capacity to also recycle these metal items.

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