

UPDATE ON STREET SCENE SERVICES – CONTRACTED OUT ENFORCEMENT DUTIES

Cabinet Member(s): Cllr Colin Slade, Cabinet Member for the Environment and Climate Change

Responsible Officer: Darren Beer, Operations Manager for Street Scene and Open Spaces

Reason for Report: Members requested that the provision of private/external enforcement to be reviewed.

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: None as this is an information report only.

1.0 Introduction/Background

1.1 At the Environment PDG on 12th January 2021 it was requested that the service provide an update on private/external enforcement

2.0 Private enforcement

2.1 The Environment and Enforcement Manager contacted two enforcement companies to provide quotations for both cost neutral and chargeable services.

2.2 East Hampshire District Council confirmed they would not be able to carry out enforcement on our behalf as they would require other local authorities to join the scheme with Mid Devon District Council to enable the trial to go ahead. No neighbouring authority have engaged in a partnership.

2.3 3GS provided both a cost neutral and chargeable service quote in 2020 that was not viable at the time. This has not changed since the update in January 2021.

3.0 **Conclusion**

3.1 It can be concluded that it is not viable to procure an external/private enforcement provider to supplement the service the department currently provide.

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Circulation of the Report:

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