

# Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee Task & Finish Group 2021

## To Review the Management of Fly Tipping within Carmarthenshire

### Draft Planning & Scoping Document

<b>Task &amp; Finish Objective(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To review the current internal processes and operational issues of fly tipping on public and private land in Carmarthenshire.</li></ul>
<b>Context</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Environmental &amp; Public Protection Scrutiny Committee has a key role to play in monitoring services, development of key policies and strategies, as well as identifying areas for improvement or development within their remit.</li><li>• Fly tipping is an increasing problem in Carmarthenshire. The consequence of fly tipping has a detrimental effect on the environment and communities.</li><li>• Fly tipping issues have major impacts on resources in various departments within the Council from Environmental Health and Planning through to Members and Democratic Services.</li><li>• Remediation is costly, sometimes difficult and has implications of criminal activity.</li><li>• The Environmental &amp; Public Protection Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a review into the current internal processes and operational issues of fly tipping on public and private land in Carmarthenshire</li><li>• It is recognised that there is a lack of clarity on roles and responsibilities of various teams within Carmarthenshire and Natural Resources Wales and implications of duplication resulting in a lack of efficient use of resources.</li><li>• It is recognised that the authority are utilising resources on responding to complaints and that there is a lack of resources within the Authority to carry out investigations (which can be complex and time consuming requiring specific skills) in order to prevent issues from occurring.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elected Members have raised this as a concern for residents throughout the County.</li> </ul>
<b>Membership</b>	<p><b><u>Elected Members x 6</u></b></p> <p>A politically balanced membership of up to 6 Councillors to be agreed at the Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.</p> <p><b><u>Advisors / Support Officers</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ainsley Williams (Head of Waste and Environmental Services)</li> <li>Sue Watts (Environmental Protection Manager)</li> <li>Robert Williams (Public health Lead)</li> <li>Hugh Towns (Regional Mineral and Waste Planning Manager)</li> <li>Stephen Thomas, Senior Enforcement and Monitoring Officer</li> <li>Edwin Thomas (Assistant Manager (Grounds and Cleansing))</li> <li>Steven Raymond (Environmental Enforcement Officer)</li> <li>Paul Morris (Environmental Enforcement Manager)</li> <li>Janine Owen (Democratic Services Officer)</li> </ul>
<b>The main aims of the review</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the definition ‘fly-tipping’</li> <li>Review the current provision for receiving and investigating fly tipping service requests.</li> <li>Understanding the ‘drivers’ for fly tipping</li> <li>Understanding and establishment of roles and responsibilities of different teams and agencies</li> <li>Exploring how the sharing of information between sections and other agencies is currently undertaken</li> <li><a href="#">To review the Memorandum of Understanding between the Local Authority and partner Agencies.</a></li> <li>Developing better working arrangements with partner agencies</li> <li>Exploring investigation methods, such as social media to carry out investigation</li> <li>Review current prevention and enforcement strategies and the levels of support <a href="#">resources (including staffing and financial)</a> required</li> <li>Consider the <a href="#">socio, economic, environmental and cultural impact</a> <del>environmental impact</del> including biodiversity, <a href="#">public health, public and environmental safety etc</a></li> <li>Formulate recommendations for consideration by the Executive Board.</li> </ul>
<b>Scope of the review</b>	<p>This review will focus on the current internal processes and operational issues of fly tipping on public and private land in Carmarthenshire</p>

<p><b>How it will contribute to achieving corporate / community objectives and well-being objectives</b></p>	<p>Undertaking this review will coincide with the Council's Vision:- <i>'Life is for living, let's start, live and age well in a healthy, safe and prosperous environment'</i></p> <p>The review will contribute to the following Carmarthenshire's Well-being Objectives from the County Council's Corporate Strategy 2018-23 (<a href="http://intranet/media/654960/corporate-strategy-18-23.pdf">http://intranet/media/654960/corporate-strategy-18-23.pdf</a>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Live Well</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wellbeing Objective 8</b></li> <li>- Help people live healthy lives (tackling risky behaviour &amp; obesity)</li> <li><b>Wellbeing Objective 9</b></li> <li>- Supporting good connections with friends, family and safer communities</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Healthy, Safe and Prosperous Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wellbeing Objective 12</b></li> <li>- Looking after the environment now and for the future</li> <li><b>Wellbeing Objective 15</b></li> <li>- Building a Better Council and Making Better Use of Resources</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>List of key stakeholders</b> [not exhaustive]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment Officers</li> <li>• Environmental Health Officers</li> <li>• Planning Officers</li> <li>• Customer Services Officers</li> <li>• Democratic Services (information on how often reported from Elected Members)</li> <li>• Police (Incidents recorded, feedback)</li> <li>• Community Councils (Do they or would they assist with awareness/education).</li> <li>• Natural Resource Wales (NRW)</li> <li>• Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service</li> <li>• National Farmers Union (NFU)</li> <li>• Farmers Union Wales (FUW)</li> <li>• Neighbouring Authorities – Neath Port Talbot, Swansea, Pembrokeshire &amp; Ceredigion</li> <li>• Fly tipping Action Wales</li> <li>• Keep Wales Tidy</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common Land contacts</li> <li>• Brecon Beacons National Parks</li> <li>• Wales Tourist Board</li> <li>• Carmarthenshire Tourism Association</li> <li>• CADW</li> <li>• Other as identified</li> </ul>
<p><b>What information / documents are required to inform the work of the study?</b> [not exhaustive]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current data on number and types of fly tipping service requests</li> <li>• All Wales fly tipping matrix</li> <li>• Budget</li> <li>• Corporate Enforcement Policy</li> <li>• Corporate Strategy</li> </ul>
<p><b>Timescale for completion of the review</b></p>	<p>Commencement date is subject to agreement by the Environmental and Public Protection Scrutiny Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021.</p> <p>Task and Finish subject will be a short, focused review period. It is intended that the review will be completed within a period not exceeding 3 months.</p>