



**CORPORATE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 15
SEPTEMBER 2022**

Report of: Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor Y Gagen

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SUBJECT: ACTIONS TAKEN - TOPICS NOT SELECTED FOR IN DEPTH REVIEW

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To report actions taken in relation to Topics not selected for in depth review for 2023-2023, as requested by Committee 10 March 2022.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2.1 That the actions taken in relation to each topic, at Appendix 1, be noted.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Plan, sought 'Topic Suggestions' from Members, Officers, Parish Councils and Members of the Public, for consideration and selection of a topic for in depth review, via a Task and Finish Group, during 2022-23.

3.2 Ten Topics were received from the variety of sources above, which underwent the approved scoring process, against the Councils Aims and Objectives, and consideration given by the designated Scoring Panel on 22 February 2022.

3.3 All who submitted Topic Suggestions were invited to attend the Topic Scoring meeting to make representation in respect of their topic.

3.4 Following consideration and completion of the scoring process, the Scoring Panel

- Rejected five of the ten Topic Submissions. (Topics: 1,2,3,6 & 7 at Appendix 1)
- Identified three topics as possible for review. (Topics 5,8, & 10 at Appendix 1).
- Identified two topics to be Priority for Review. (Topics 4 & 9 at Appendix 1).

3.5 Recommendations were put to Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee, by the Scoring Panel, and considered by Committee on 10 March 2022, where it was RESOLVED:

- A. That the results of the scoring exercise undertaken (Appendix A) undertaken by the Panel be noted and endorsed.
- B. That the following topic recommended by the Panel be selected for review by a Task & Finish Group in 2022/23, be approved:
"Litter clearance in West Lancashire, including 'fly-tipping' and 'grot spots'"
- C. That Task & Finish Groups requested by Council at its meeting held on 23 February 2022 be established in respect of:
 - Community Environmental Improvements, including community orchards
 - Shop Front Improvements
- D. That the actions identified in Appendix A (by the Scoring Panel) be approved in respect of those topics not selected for review and an update report on what action has been taken in respect of these suggestions, be reported to the Committee in September 2022.
- E. That a press release be prepared and issued to inform local residents of the chosen review topic(s) selected for review by Task & Finish Groups and the actions identified in Appendix A (by the Scoring Panel), in respect of those topics not selected for review.
- F. That a presentation on the selected topic be provided and a draft Project Plan for the review be prepared for the first meeting of Task & Finish Group.
- G. That the Work Programme for the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the established Task & Finish Groups, as set out in paragraph 4.6, subject to any amendments agreed by the Committee, be confirmed and included on the Council's web site.

"Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee'

The Committee considers, as part of its routine work:

- Items referred from "Members Update" at the request of a Member
- Members items/Councillor Call for Action (CCfA)
- Performance Management

- Acts as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee
- Reviews the recommendations from previously conducted reviews

The Committee also appoints Task and Finish Groups to conduct in-depth reviews/policy development. Task and Finish Groups will consider topics in more detail, as requested, and report findings/recommendations to the

Committee. The Committee will then submit recommendations to Cabinet and Council, as appropriate.

Task & Finish Groups established for 2022/23 are as follows:

- Litter clearance in West Lancashire, including 'fly-tipping' and 'grot spots'
- Community Environmental Improvements, including community orchards
- Shop Front Improvements

H. That details of Mowing Schedules/Regimes of the Borough be circulated to all Members.

4.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 Everyone who submitted Topic Suggestions were contacted following the decision and advised of the outcome. A Press release was also published to advise the general public of the outcome.
- 4.2 Officers were provided with information regarding 'Topics Submissions' and 'Outcomes', falling under their service area, to address any actions required.
- 4.3 Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee requested that an update regarding actions taken in relation to the Topics not selected for in depth review, be reported back to Committee in September 2022. The Table attached at Appendix 1 outlines the topic suggestions, source of submission, recommendation by Scoring Panel / Committee / Council, and the action taken by officers.
- 4.4 The Three Task and Finish Groups (T&FG) have been created, to commence during 2022-23. The Initial meeting of the 'Litter Clearance in West Lancs, including Fly-Tipping and Grot Spots' T&FG, will take place 21 September 2022. The Initial meeting of the 'Community Environmental Improvements, including Community Orchards' T&FG is scheduled to take place 18 October 2022, and 'Shop Front Improvements' T&FG is scheduled to meet later in the year.
- 4.5 At the meeting of Full Council 20 July 2022, it was also agreed that a fourth Task and Finish Group be established in relation to Ormskirk Town Market.

5.0 POINTS TO NOTE

- 5.1 Appendix 1 details actions / responses in relation to each Topic submission.

5.2 Topic 5 regarding the removal of car parking charges for a trial period. This is something which the Council have been looking into, and was considered at full Council 23 February 2022, and further at Cabinet 7 June 2022. A Trial of up to two hours free parking in Ormskirk, will be introduced on certain days and times once the Bus Station car park is returned to service.

5.3 Topic 1 regarding what happens to Waste and Recycling. This topic was rejected by the Scoring Panel. However due to the nature of questions raised within this topic submission a separate section is added at the end of the Table, providing answers to the individual points raised. (Appendix 1)

6.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this report and, no significant impact on crime and disorder.

7.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no significant financial or resource implications arising from this report.

8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 This item is for information only and makes no recommendations. It therefore does not require a formal risk assessment and no changes have been made to risk registers.

9.0 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no specific health and wellbeing implications arising from this report, actions taken in relation to this report will provide some assistance to enabling enhanced wellbeing.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

1. Table of Topics, Recommendations and Actions Taken

