



**CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL
OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 14 December
2023**

Report of: Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing and Resources

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**SUBJECT: UPDATES FOR THE LITTER CLEARANCE IN WEST LANCS,
INCLUDING FLY TIPPING AND GROT SPOTS TASK AND FINISH
GROUP**

Wards affected: All Wards

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. This report is to provide an update to the Committee on the actions completed for the Litter Clearance in West Lancashire, including Fly Tipping and Grot Spots

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS TO CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 2.1 That the update in this report be noted to show the progression of the project.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 It was agreed at the Corporate and Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 31st May 2023 that due to the significant progress that has been made with the Litter Clearance in West Lancashire, including Fly Tipping and Grot Spots that the project would continue.

- 3.2 The project involved a detailed action plan to set out the vision and following actions:

1. To roll out Community Skip Days in other parts of the Borough in conjunction with Parish Councils.
2. Eco Schools, to invite the 58 Primary Schools within West Lancashire to enter a competition to design a Poster showing their 'Eco School Ethos. Winning schools

will receive a Character Bin and will receive an educational visit by the Environmental Enforcement Team.

3. Volunteer litter picking:

- (a) Handbook for Volunteer Litter Picking Groups
- (b) Gifting Litter Picking Equipment to Volunteer Groups/Individuals, including litter pickers, bags, hazard tape and Hi Vis tabards with logo (Community Litter Picking Volunteer)

4. Environmental Borough Improvements to tackle Grot Spot Locations, four locations were identified by Clean and Green Services to benefit from environmental improvements, to be set as project work:

- a. Project 1 - East Gillibrands, Skelmersdale
- b. Project 2 – West Pimbo, Skelmersdale
- c. Project 3 – Old Boundary Way, Ormskirk
- d. Project 4 – Elmers Clough, Skelmersdale

4.0 CURRENT POSITION

4.1 The update for each project is below:

1. **To roll out Community Skip Days in other parts of the Borough in conjunction with Parish Councils.**

No further communications have been received from Parish Council's.

2. **Eco Schools, to invite the 58 Primary Schools within West Lancashire to enter a competition to design a Poster showing their 'Eco School Ethos. Winning schools will receive a Character Bin and will receive an educational visit by the Environmental Enforcement Team.**

There were 56 entries received from 4 primary schools:

- Burscough Village Primary School, Burscough
- Pontville School, Ormskirk
- Hesketh-with-Becconsall All Saints CE School, Hesketh Bank
- St Johns RC Primary School, Burscough

The 6 winning entries for the Eco School competition were chosen by the Portfolio Holder for Street Scene.

Burscough Village Primary School, and St Johns RC Primary School, Burscough were presented with their character 'Monster' bin by the Mayor Cllr Maureen Nixon on 13th July 2023.

Pontville School, Ormskirk were presented with their bins on 12th October and was attended by Stephen Bissette (Clean and Green Operations Manager), Sharon Cranny (Clean and Green Area Manager), Cllr Neil Furey (Portfolio holder for Street Scene), and Mayoress Maureen Nixon and her consort Mr Laughton Wilkinson. (Appendix 1)

All Saints CE Primary School in Hesketh Bank have made arrangements for their bin presentation to be completed in January 2024

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There has been a slight drop off in requests for litter picking equipment, but this is normal in the Winter months.

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5.0 Project 1 – East Gillibrands. Work was completed during the months of April – July

5.1 Project 2 – West Pimbo. Work was completed during September 2023 (Appendix 2)

5.2 Project 3 – Old Boundary Way. Work was completed during October 2023 (Appendix 3)

5.3 Project 4 – Elmers Clough. Work will commence 25th November and take approximately 4 weeks.

5.0 SUMMARY

5.1 It is estimated that both outstanding actions will be completed before the end of January 2024 without any issues.

6.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This project will have a positive impact on the local areas. The cleansing of 'Grot Spot' locations will improve the access to the industrial areas of Skelmersdale.

7.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Budget provision is in place for the delivery of the project.

8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 Officers completed and reviewed risk assessments prior to the completion of each project and all required work.

9.0 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLACATIONS

9.1 Tackling litter clearance, fly tipping and grot spot locations will have a positive impact on community health and wellbeing in West Lancashire. The engagement of primary schools promotes the importance that littering and fly tipping has on the environment and protecting our planet.

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

As part of the consultation, members of the public were asked if they had any concerns about the project and if they had any protected characteristics. No equality issues were raised.

Appendices

Appendix 1
Appendix 2
Appendix 3