

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 20 February 2023

Wards: All

Subject: Reference from the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel – Waste and Street Cleansing proposals

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Recommendations:

1. The Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel requests that Cabinet note its reference set out in paragraph 2.5 to 2.12 below.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. On the 13 February 2023, the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel, were invited to undertake pre-decision scrutiny of the recommended service delivery models, assessments, and resident engagement findings. The Chair and Panel chose to provide recommendations to further inform Cabinet in its decision making.

2 DETAILS

2.1. Scrutiny process

- 2.2. The Panel welcomed the Cabinet Member for Local Environment, Green Spaces and Climate Change, along with the Director for and Assistant Director for Public Space.

- 2.3. The Chair invited questions on how the review was put together, the assessment of the best value solutions, how the council carried out its analysis of the options put forward such as the metrics it looked at and the financial implications. Further information was provided by the Cabinet Member and officers.

2.4. Scrutiny response

- 2.5. The Panel RESOLVED (all members voted in favour) to send the following recommendations to Cabinet

- 2.6. This Panel recommends that further details of the contract specifications for each service are brought back to a future Sustainable Communities Panel at an appropriate time.

- 2.7. That street sweeping schedules are published on the Merton website.

- 2.8. That 'prioritising street sweeping after bin collection' should be included in the specification.

- 2.9. The Council continue the work already underway in support of Net Zero by 2030, ensuring that the waste collection contract agreed will state that the vehicle fleet needs to be carbon neutral by 2030.
- 2.10. The Panel requests that performance monitoring officers come up with a process for the Sustainable Communities Panel can feed in and scrutinise contract performance.
- 2.11. This Panel recommends that the Council introduces ward-based dashboards for identifying fly tip hot spots.
- 2.12. That the Cabinet Member for Local Environment, Green Spaces and Climate Change returns to the Sustainable Communities Panel once the Environment Bill and legislation has been published.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. None – Cabinet is required under the council’s constitution to receive, consider and respond to references from overview and scrutiny.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. None for the purpose of this report.

5 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. None for the purpose of this report.

6 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. Cabinet is required under the council’s constitution to receive, consider and respond to references from overview and scrutiny. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires Cabinet to respond to reports and recommendations made by scrutiny committees within two months of written notice being given.

7 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. There are no human rights, equalities and community cohesion implications as a result of this report.

8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. These are no crime and disorder implications as a result of this report.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. There are no risk management and health and safety implications as a result of this report.

10 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- None

11 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None