

Public Report
Improving Places Select Commission

Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting

Improving Places Select Commission – 07 June 2022

Report Title

Draft Enviro-Crime Plan Objectives

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

Borough-Wide

Report Summary

This report and presentation seeks to engage and consult members of the Commission on the draft objectives which will underpin the Council's approach to tackling environmental crime.

Recommendations

Members of the Commission are asked to provide feedback on each of the following objective areas and associated activities:

1. Prevent
2. Engage and Educate
3. Enforce

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1 Presentation on Draft Objective Areas

Background Papers

[Agenda for Improving Places Select Commission on Tuesday 1 February 2022, 1.30 p.m. - Rotherham Council](#)

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

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Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

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1. Background

- 1.1 In February 2022 a report was delivered to the Improving Places Select Commission on the issue of fly tipping across the Borough and the Council's response. During that meeting, officers and members discussed the development of a shared approach to tackling environmental crime and members expressed a desire to be further consulted on the development of the approach.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The attached presentation (appendix 1) outlines the scope of the plan alongside three draft objective areas for further comment or consideration.
- 2.2 The objective areas are as follows:
- Prevent
 - Engage and Educate
 - Enforce

3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 The plan and its objectives are at the very early stages of development and engagement and discussion with the Commission at this early stage is the proposed approach. Alternative options or considerations are welcomed in order to inform the final product. The proposed objective areas have been selected in order to be concise and focussed on the key issues however they will be underpinned by a range of activities which are again detailed in the attached appendix.

4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 Following initial consultation with elected members on the Improving Places Select Commission, officers will hold workshops across relevant services to finalise the activity which will underpin the objective areas. The completed plan will be subject to consultation with relevant partners and stakeholders.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 Following consultation with the Commission, a workshop will be held with relevant services to finalise the plan and attach dates to specific actions alongside a performance framework. The final plan will be shared with members of the Commission by the end of August, commencing from September. The plan will be approved by officers and implementation will be monitored via a delivery Board, chaired by the Assistant Director.

6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications

- 6.1 Activity described within the plan will be delivered through coordination of existing resources, including recent investment in areas such as Street Scene services.

7. Legal Advice and Implications

- 7.1 A range of offences are described within the Plan. Developing and coordinating the Council's approach will support effective enforcement action by ensuring high quality evidence is gathered and presented alongside a robust approach to prevent the issues.

8. Human Resources Advice and Implications

- 8.1 Delivery of the strategy will have no additional HR implications as activity will be delivered by existing resources.

9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

- 9.1 Enforcement decisions will be taken in line with the Council General Enforcement Policy, which considers the implications for children and vulnerable adults. The plan itself will not present any change in this area.

10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications

- 10.1 There are no specific issues arising from the development of the plan and objective areas however, when considering communications, these must be accessible to all, and this will be captured within the final detailed plan under engage and educate.

11. Implications for CO₂ Emissions and Climate Change

- 11.1 Improving the management of waste will have a positive impact on climate change through improved management of resources.

12. Implications for Partners

- 12.1 As noted within the strategy, partnership support will assist in tackling enviro-crime and the Council will work with partners to explore how they can contribute further to reducing the associated issues.

13. Risks and Mitigation

- 13.1 The delivery of the objective areas will likely face varying pressures and risks. In order to mitigate these, an enviro-crime board, made up of senior officers, will oversee implementation of the plan and objectives.

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	Name	Date
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Assistant Director of Human Resources (if appropriate)		Click here to enter a date.
Head of Human Resources (if appropriate)		Click here to enter a date.
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