



North Devon Council

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Topic: **Littering Strategy Implementation**

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. This paper seeks to provide Strategy and Resources Committee with a proposal to progress the implementation of the Council's Litter Strategy – as adopted by Full Council on 1st Feb 2021 (and attached as Appendix A to this report) by supporting the implementation of a working group to identify litter problem areas and possible solutions.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. It is recommended that the Strategy and Resources Committee agree the setting up of a working group in order to identify litter problem areas and problem litter behaviours and to identify suitable mitigation measures along with a plan for their implementation.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1. To ensure actions identified in the Litter Strategy are reviewed and progressed.

3.2. To ensure the same standards of cleanliness are maintained across the district.

4. REPORT

4.1. North Devon is a beautiful and popular location, visited regularly by residents and visitors alike. It is our intention to ensure high levels of cleanliness are maintained.

The increase in new developments across the District means we need to ensure our resources are allocated accordingly.

4.2. The newly adopted Litter Strategy (attached as Appendix A to this report), aligns with the Council's priority to protect and enhance the environment of North Devon.

4.3. The national "Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse" (attached as Appendix B to this report) defines and shows examples of graded levels of street cleanliness, how they are classified and expected response times.

- 4.4. A working group needs to be established to ensure the objectives within the Strategy are adopted in line with the national Code of Practice – to enable the Council to allocate its' resources accordingly.
- 4.5. It is recommended that Strategy and Resources Committee Members determine who should be on this group - but suggested that it should be lead by Councillor Netti Pearson. There will also be appropriate officer representation/support on the working group.
- 4.6. The working group will also work with the Plastic Free North Devon Consortium on wider littering/environmental issues.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. It is anticipated at this stage that the work identified in this report will be able to be undertaken with existing resource.
- 5.2. The working group will investigate options available to improve the environment which could involve schedule changes, working patterns, staffing levels and vehicle requirements, signage, comms or CCTV, which could involve further resource implications.

6. EQUALITIES ASSESSMENT

- 6.1. There are no equalities implications anticipated as a result of this report.

7. CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

- 7.1. Part 3, Annexe 1 (1), (i)

8. STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

- 8.1. This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1. The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- Litter strategy (Appendix A)
- Code of practice on Litter and Refuse (.gov website)

- 9.2. The background papers are available for inspection and kept by the author of the report.

10. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

The author confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and Officers.