



Environment & Community Scrutiny Committee 23 March 2023

Decisions

5. Update on the Herbicide Reduction Plan

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Approved the expansion of the Herbicide Reduction Plan to include two additional herbicide free wards for 2023 - West Chesterton and Trumpington, (and continuation with Newnham and Arbury herbicide free wards from 2022).
- ii. Approved the continuation and further development of the 'Happy Bee Street Scheme'.
- iii. Noted the decision of the County Council on their use of herbicides in the city and to assist them with their new approach (paragraphs 3.2 to 3.4 of the Officer's report).
- iv. Noted the decision of the County Council to change the grass cutting specifications in the city (paragraphs 3.5 to 3.7 of the Officer's report).
- v. Supported the development of a collaborative communication plan as detailed in Section 5 of the Officer's report.

6. Litter Strategy

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor:

- i. Approved the adoption and use of the proposed 'Litter Strategy for Cambridge' (ref. Appendix A of the Officer's report).
- ii. Instructed Officers to format the Strategy for publication and to prepare a Communication Plan to support its adoption and implementation.

7. Greater Cambridge Shared Waste Collection Changes

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor noted the Shared Waste Service was working on a route optimisation exercise that will result in collection day changes for residents during the Summer. Until the first phase of the exercise was complete the level of impact on residents was unknown, but It was anticipated there may be a period of disruption to services whilst new rounds settle down and collection crews got to grips with changes.

8. Review of Alcohol Public Spaces Protection Order 2015

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillor discharged the PSPO and adopted a new approach to addressing alcohol related ASB.

The new approach would involve:

- i. A proactive and preventative council presence on the current PSPO sites through weekly patrols.
- ii. Better engagement and education with street drinkers, support services and local interest groups.
- iii. A greater ability to gather intelligence on alcohol related ASB, which will be used as evidence for enforcement action, such as Criminal Behaviour Orders.

Discharge was recommended on the grounds of:

- iv. A significant reduction in reports of anti-social drinking of alcohol on the sites covered by the PSPO. In 2022, the police and council received only 2 reports each.
- v. Low frequency of incidents identified in the consultation. 36 consultation respondents had witnessed anti-social drinking in the past 12 months. Of these who had witnessed anti-social drinking, almost half witnessed this 10 times or less (an average of less than once per month).
- vi. 65% (194 of 300) respondents to the University of Cambridge's in person surveys did not list alcohol as a core problem facing public spaces in Cambridge.
- vii. 80% of consultation respondents (49 people) supported the Council and Police managing anti-social drinking of alcohol as outlined in 2.1 – 2.3 of the Officer's report.

9. Update on the Work of Health Partnerships

The Committee endorsed the recommendations.

The Executive Councillors agreed to:

- i. Continue to work with the Health and Wellbeing Board and engage with the Integrated Care Partnership and its sub-system to ensure that public agencies and others came together to address the

strategic issues affecting Cambridge City and that the concerns of Cambridge citizens are heard, as the system developed.

- ii. Continue to work with partners within the framework of the Cambridge Community Safety Partnership, identifying local priorities and taking action to make a positive difference to the safety of communities in the city.

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