

Overview and Scrutiny review scoping report

Review title: Fly tipping, litter and waste management review

Chair of the review group: Cllr C Pope

Working Group members: Councillors Adams, P Allan, R Allan, Bestwick, Brocklebank, Creamer, Dunkin, R Ellis, Ellwood, Greensmith, Maltby, R McCrossen, C Pope, G Pope, S Smith, Strong and Whiting.

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Paling

Corporate Director: Sarah Troman

Lead Officer: Emma McGinlay & Ben Hopewell

Reason for the review

- To complete a thorough review of the fly tipping, litter and waste management approach across the borough of Gedling and to suggest improvements as required.

Specific focus of the review

- Make enquiries of GBC officers to review the current situation of fly tipping, litter management and waste management across the borough.
- Review the current approach of fly tipping, litter management and waste management across the borough.
- Review the effectiveness of the newly implemented whitespace system
- Review the targets currently set within the service and see if these are reasonable
- Review the new warden arrangements – WISE – what they are and are not doing. Gaps in service. Connection with litter picking volunteers. Dog fouling tips – paths, bin locations.
- Review of the simpler recycling scheme – internal and external
- Fly tipping process – clear structure – repeat offenders – when can we add a camera? How can we best use tech and monitoring? Report it system stats and feedback. Review system – add photos? Fly tipping FAQ's and publicity of what is enforceable. Partnership with other councils? Fly tipping in private land – information? Vehicle littering – what can we do? Licencing to commercial properties – littering conditions
- Review of the upcoming changes to food waste provisions for councils
- Get update on new staffing structure and any proposed changes/affects this will have on service provision. How H&S is enforced within service
- Review/update of depot modernisation project and effect on service delivery
- Ongoing recycling issues – can we implement better solutions?
- Review of budgets and cost effectiveness against other councils

What do we hope to achieve?

- Practical recommendations to improve management of recycling and waste across the borough for residents

- Improved communication of litter management to the public – their responsibilities and the councils
- Understanding/agreement of the fair allocation of resources
- Formulation of suitable recommendations based on the learnings of the group to improve the success of the new waste system
- Practical support to staff to ensure they have tools to better succeed in that department

Information required from whom

- Environmental Services team members (GBC)
- Environmental protection - Kevin Nealon (GBC)
- Director of Operations – Sarah Troman (GBC)
- Julie Snowdon
- Portfolio holders – Cllr Paling & Cllr V McCrossen
- Chief Executive – Mike Hill (GBC)
- WISE team
- Councils working with WISE
- Litter picking volunteers (external) – email questions/feedback
- Keep Britain Tidy
- Members litter pickers
- County council officers

How we will get the information

- Discussions with/presentations from guests
- Officer report presentation from stakeholders
- Email information/feedback

Equalities issues

There should be no adverse effect on the groups which fall within the protected categories as defined in the Equalities Act 2010.

Timescales for the review

Action	Date
Approval from O & S	29 September 2025
Drafting the scoping document	11 November 2025
Meeting and evidence gathering meetings	December 2025 – February 2026
Drafting the recommendations and report	Feb – March 2026
Report to Overview Committee	9 March 2026
Report to Cabinet	26 March 2026
Response to Overview (Within 28 days)	26 April 2026
Six-month update	October 2026

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