

## Cleansing Services Spending Review

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## Service Overview

- Maintain 487 miles highway land weekly
- Remove 3,900 tonnes of litter annually
- Maintain 2,653 streets weekly
- Over 1,500 litter bins, 333 within City centre
- Street washing
- Highway weed spraying
- Public conveniences
- 24 hours on call
  - RTA clean up/spillages/SHARPS/asbestos
- Removal of flytipping
- Winter maintenance



## Statutory requirement

- Environment Protection Act 1990 imposes duties under Section 89 on LA to keep clean public highways.
- The Act, seeks to encourage LA to maintain other land within acceptable standards.
- Cleanliness standards should be monitored to ensure NI195 litter standards are maintained.
- Clearance from night time economy by 8.00am
- Advisory standards, re. graffiti and flyposting due to impact on the quality of the environment (none statutory).



## Spending Review Programme

- Government Grant reduced by 50% in real terms 2019/20 to 2010/11 – Impacting all Council services
- Reduced spending by £100m per year
- Further cuts at least until 2019/20, est £50m-£60m
- Managed via Spending Review programme
- Indicative target for Waste & Cleansing £2.5m
- First phase £0.7m contribution Cleansing Services
  - 27% of net budget



**It is recognised that a clean quality local environment supports a vibrant City and supports the sustainability and growth of the business and tourism offer:**

secures quality, long term commercial investors  
attracts and retains workers with scarce skills  
meets landowners' and tenants' legal obligations and liabilities  
deters anti-social behaviour and some criminal activities  
secures the approval of electors, for whom local environmental quality is a fundamental test of an administration's efficiency and effectiveness  
creates environments that are more easily maintained and less subject to vandalism.



**It is critical that service reductions within Cleansing Services are carefully managed to minimise the impact on the service offer.**

- Cleansing functions very visible, instant impact.
- Linked to wider enforcement litter campaigns.
- Introduction of small blitz team to tackle issues.
- Cleanliness standards monitoring.
- Review of schedules and frequencies.
- Continue to benchmark via APSE



## Current Service Provision

- LCC benchmarks against 18 comparable LA's.
- 2014/15 key PI's:
  - Below avg cost per household £29.71 (£34.83).
  - Cost per head of population £12.70 (£15.05).
  - Overall quality band score 116 (97.39).
  - Highest results for recycling 82.37% (24.92%).
- Cleanliness standards, 87% litter, 90% detritus.



## Service Options

- Through the streamlining of services into the cleansing role removal of the dedicated FIDO (faeces intake disposal operation) machine and operative and the dedicated Bring Bank team.



- Transfer of additional duties to other teams in order to reduce am bin & bag collection & cleaning of car parks.



- Review and reduce weekend cleaning of shop frontages & main gateways into City.



- Review how the Transfer Station is resourced.



- Review the use of roll on roll off vehicles in order to reduce 1 roll-on-roll off vehicle & driver.



- Review the operation of the Graffiti team in order to reduce the team.



- Redesign of schedules in order to reduce the City Centre Cleansing team.



- Redesign schedules in order to reduce the district sweeping team.



- Removal of 1 of the 2 mechanical brushes for district cleaning.



- Review of the management of corporate waste with a combined service collecting both mixed waste and recycled materials in a split body vehicle.
- Review of management/supervision and admin team.



## Maximise Income

- Trade waste
- RTA/spillages
- Graffiti removal
- Skip provision
- Market waste
- Bus shelters
- Shop fronts
- Dry waste recycling



## Summary

- £700k phased initial saving (to be reviewed)
- Housing Caretakers inc in Housing review.
- Maximising income generation.
- Corporate fleet savings, add. £170k



## Timeline

- Initial timeframe 3 year phased approach (with review).
  - Year 1 - April 2017 - £365k
  - Year 2 - April 2018 - £508k (143k)
  - Year 3 - April 2019 - £700k (192k)
- The fluidity of the reductions allows for changes in service provision based on outcomes as the proposed changes are introduced.



## Questions ?

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