



**Scope for Scrutiny Review of  
Litter, both on streets and in open spaces, and what the Council is doing to  
prevent this**

**By Scrutiny (Protecting and Strengthening Communities) Committee**

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**Background:**

Following an electronic vote the decision was made to carry out a review of Litter, both on streets and in open spaces, and what the Council is doing to prevent this. Following a discussion held at the Promoting Local Economic Growth Scrutiny meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 the following questions were compiled.

**Current Arrangements**

1. What street cleaning initiatives currently take place?
2. How often is a street cleaned and how do we decide where the service is needed most?
3. Are there any “hot spots” or problem areas within the borough?
4. What types of litter are we dealing with?
5. What are the age ranges of the offenders?
6. Are there any specific issues with company’s products being littered? (i.e. Fast food outlets)
7. Do we have enough litter bins for the number of residents? Is there a bin to person ratio?
8. Does the frequency of litter bin emptying in public places have an impact on levels of littering? Can this be quantified to show that, with regular emptying of litter bins, there is (or isn’t) lower incidences of littering?

## **Engagement / Education**

9. What engagement takes place with the communities and do we monitor/measure the success rates of this engagement (i.e. reduction in littering issues in the areas engagement has taken place)?
10. What engagement/education activities have taken place ward by ward (area by area)?
11. Are enforcement / engagement processes proactive or reactive? (i.e. carried out as a result of issues that have been reported)
12. Are people made aware of the law with regards littering? How is this communicated?
13. How do you educate communities in areas where English is not the first language?
14. How does the Council communicate when street cleaning will take place? Are street cleaning routes/timetables advertised?
15. Is there a mechanism for people in the community to be our “eyes and ears” and report in rapidly filling/full bins when dealing with spikes in demand? (i.e. warm weather weekends, school holidays etc.)

## **Enforcement**

16. What enforcement takes place?
17. How many people have been prosecuted for littering offences?

## **Costs**

18. What is the cost of street cleaning to the Council on countering litter?