

	<b>Health Scrutiny Sub Committee</b> <b>– 5 July 2016</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 9</b>
<b>Title: 'Skip n Chip'/'Dump Your Junk' – A proactive community engagement approach to addressing fly tipping and providing advice and support to residents</b>		
<b>For further information about this report please contact</b>	Kath.bannister@warwickdc.gov.uk	
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	Brunswick/Leam/Sydenham	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?</b>	No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>		

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No
<b>Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken</b>	No

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive		
Head of Service	24/06/2016	Marianne Rolfe
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Monitoring Officer		
Finance		
Portfolio Holder(s)		
Consultation & Community Engagement		
Survey of Brunswick tenants – Orbit and WDC – Autumn 2015		
Final Decision?		No
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		
It is suggested that such events are carried out across the district in fly tipping hotspots in partnership with Neighbourhood Services, Housing, Housing Associations, Warwick District Citizens Advice and other key voluntary and community groups.		

## 1. **Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to make members aware of a community engagement model that the Community Partnership Team (CPT), in partnership with Orbit, Heart of England, has been delivering in Brunswick and Leam wards.
- 1.2 Orbit had run very successful "Skip n Chip" days in hotspot areas in Coventry to address ongoing issues with fly tipping. They had a bulk refuse amnesty and a skip or van was provided for the day. Free chips/bacon sandwiches are served and Housing staff and other services were on hand to talk to people about any issues.
- 1.3 Following a survey of Brunswick tenants, it was decided to emulate this model in hotspot areas of the ward to try and address a range of issues and concerns highlighted by the survey. The sessions took place on 29 March and proved extremely popular and were well received by tenants.
- 1.4 Following on from this success, the Community Partnership Team are planning another event, as part of the 'Keep Sydenham Clean' campaign in July.

## 2. **Recommendation**

- 2.1 That members recognise this model as an effective means of engaging communities, improving the physical environment and promoting community pride and cohesion.

## 3. **Reasons for the Recommendation**

- 3.1 Fly tipping continues to be an ongoing issue, and this type of engagement is a preventative approach aiming to raise awareness of the impacts on the environment, by educating residents and trying to instil a sense of pride in the communities in which they live.

## 4. **Policy Framework**

- 4.1 **Policy Framework** – This report does not bring forward any changes in policy.
- 4.2 **Fit for the Future** – The content of the report contributes to the vision of making Warwick District a great place to live, work and visit as set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy. It informs members of a community development initiative that has potentially positive impacts on all of the 5 policy priority areas – Prosperity, Housing, Health and Well Being, Community Cohesion and Sustainability.
- 4.3 **Impact Assessments** – This report is for information only.

## 5. **Budgetary Framework**

- 5.1 The event in March was funded by Orbit and the WDC contribution was the officer time, in the form of the Community Partnership Team's Community Development Workers.

- 5.2 The Sydenham event is being funded from the CPT's Community Engagement budget and is costing in the region of £800.00 for the man and van and refreshments plus officer and volunteer time. Orbit may be contributing financially and providing officers on the day.
- 5.3 To run further events would require some financial contribution and officer time from Neighbourhood Services/Housing.

## **6. Risks**

- 6.1 There are no implications for risk management at this stage

## **7. Alternative Option(s) considered**

- 7.1 None

## **8. Background**

- 1.1 Last summer and early autumn, Community Development Workers carried out a doorstep survey in South Leamington, predominantly in Brunswick Ward. The aim of the survey had been to promote the services offered by the Brunswick Hub to the local community but also to pick up on any issues people were having personally or with living in the area.
- 1.2 Orbit Heart of England Housing match funds some of WDC's Voluntary Sector Contracts in Brunswick and Sydenham where they have significant numbers of tenants who may benefit from their services. The contract with Brunswick Hub expects an increase in the number of tenants using the centre and volunteering there. Our doorstep survey started with Orbit properties.
- 1.3 An unexpected finding of this work was that there were many issues identified by ourselves - and flagged up by Orbit tenants - of disrepair in the communal areas of flats which were affecting the morale of tenants and their community safety.
- 1.4 It transpired that there had been no local Orbit Housing Officer for some time; a situation which was about to change. The Orbit Community Investment Officer - our local link - took all our findings back and visits to all their local properties were promptly arranged and a programme of repairs carried out.
- 1.5 Orbit has run "Skip n Chip" days in Coventry and other areas where they have a bulk refuse amnesty and offer a skip for the day for specific housing together with chips or other food and Housing staff on hand to talk to people about any issues.
- 1.6 A customised version of this was arranged for 4 of Orbit's housing blocks in South Leamington: Rusina Court, off Ranelagh Terrace, Baxter Court off Radford Road, Ashlawn House (corner of Forfield Place/Radford Road and Crown Terrace off the High Street.)
- 1.7 This was a partnership between Orbit staff, Brunswick Hub, Salvation Army's Way Ahead project and WDC Community Development workers and took place on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

- 1.8 With the exception of Ashlawn house the day was very successful. A man and van were used rather than a skip, bacon butties were provided in the morning and cakes in the afternoon by Brunswick Hub as well as hot drinks all day. In addition to the opportunity to get rid of unwanted items, information was given to local residents about the Hub, Way Ahead and other local facilities and residents had direct access to Orbit staff from a number of different service areas. Moreover the sessions provided the forum for a community get together in each area – people came out of their flats and stayed out talking to neighbours.