



Agenda Item 4

Overview and Scrutiny
9th February 2021

Title: Shared Environmental Enforcement with Rugby Borough Council
update

Lead Officer: Zoë Court

Portfolio Holder: Alan Rhead

Public briefing note

Wards of the District directly affected: All

Contrary to the policy framework:

Contrary to the budgetary framework:

Key Decision:

Included within the Forward Plan:

Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken:

Consultation & Community Engagement:

Final Decision:

Officer/Councillor Approval

Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive		
Head of Service	27/1/2021	Julie Lewis
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Monitoring Officer		
Finance		
Portfolio Holder(s)		

Background

Overview and Scrutiny Committee have requested an update on the shared environmental enforcement service with Rugby Borough Council. The following information is an update as requested from the last briefing note in November 2020

As outlined in the last briefing note due to Covid-19 no enforcement work has been carried out since April 2020.

Update

Notice has now been given to end the partnership with Rugby Borough Council at the end of March 2021. The Street Scene Team at Stratford District Council (SDC) will support the Contract Services Team as required.

Refresher training is being arranged, particularly important for the new members of the Contract Services and for the Manager to ensure the team are skilled to carry out their enforcement duties effectively.

Reported fly tips have continued to be cleared quickly, but crews are not currently looking for evidence.

Idverde will become the new Street Cleansing contractor from April 1st 2021, the contractor responsible for the removal of fly tips from Warwick District Council (WDC) owned land. Contract mobilisation discussions between Contract Services and Idverde have started, including improved use of technology and an integrated software. WDC has started the implementation of a new software system (called Arcus). Contract Service staff are involved with this project and the intention is to get the fly tipping module live in April 2021.

Amongst other service improvements, this integration means that fly tips and other environmental crimes reported via our website will be sent directly to the contractor. The Contract Services Team will monitor these transactions for KPIs/performance and to identify any trends. The contractor will 'close' the report when collected and the customer notified. Any evidence found will be scanned and sent to the team and items stored securely at Idverde depot.

Next Steps

The Contract Services Manager intends to have everything in place for April 2021 to restart fly-tipping enforcement with the support of Idverde and Enforcement Officers at SDC. A marketing campaign will be launched in conjunction with SDC and Warwickshire County Council on social media with the objective of deterring fly tipping and promoting how easy it is to now report. Fly tip removal and enforcement action data will be shared on a quarterly basis on request.