



Cabinet (Resources) Panel

5 November 2013

Report Title	Outcome of Called In Item	
Internal decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet Member with Lead Responsibility	Councillor John Reynolds City Services	
Key Decision	No	
In Forward Plan	No	
Wards Affected	All	
Accountable Strategic Director	Keith Ireland, Delivery	
Originating service	Delivery / Central Services	
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Recommendation for noting:

The Cabinet (Resources) Panel is asked to note:

1. The decision of the Scrutiny Board

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To receive the decision of the Scrutiny Board on a Called In item.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The enclosed schedule sets out the decision of the Scrutiny Board in respect of a Called In item relevant to this Panel. Where appropriate, any relevant issues raised or comments made by the Board in respect of the Call In is set out in the schedule.

4.0 Financial / Legal / Equalities / Environmental / Human resources implications

4.1 Of itself, this report has no implications for any of these policies

5.0 Schedule of background papers

5.1 Report to Enterprise and Business Scrutiny Panel: 30th July 2013 – Street Cleansing optimisation report and proposal for reconfiguration of the preferred service delivery model.

5.2 At the Enterprise and Business Scrutiny Panel held on the 30th July 2013, Councillors considered the options for Street Cleansing optimisation.

It was noted that Option 2 was the preference going forward as a delivery method as this would allow for resources to be deployed where they are most needed within the city.

Councillors were also informed that by considering this option, the financial implications would contribute significantly to the savings required as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan.

However, as the report did not have any detailed financial implications within it, some councillors felt it would be difficult to consider the report as it did not contain a breakdown of the savings.

Councillors were also informed that some areas of the city actually received a regular cleanse on a daily basis based upon acknowledged intelligence.

5.3 Report to Cabinet (Resources) Panel – 11 September 2013.

SCRUTINY BOARD – 1 OCTOBER 2013**CALLED- IN ITEM**

CABINET/CABINET PANEL MEETING	Cabinet (Resources) Panel
DATE	11 September 2013
SUBJECT	14: Street Cleansing Optimisation Review Report and Proposal for Reconfiguration of the preferred Service Delivery Model
PORTFOLIO	
CALLED-IN BY	Councillor Findlay Date: 12 September 2013 Time: 09:05 hrs.
METHOD OF CALL – IN	E-mail
REASON(S) FOR CALL – IN	To investigate further the possibility of reinstating a six-weekly frequency for non-A or B roads (i.e. neighbourhood roads) across all parts of the service.
CALL – IN RECEIVED IN DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT	Date: 12 September 2013 Time: 09:10 hrs Name of Democratic Support Officer: Liz Kiely Telephone Number: (55)5045
DETAILS OF CABINET MEMBER and DIRECTOR TO WHOM CALL IN REFERRED	Councillor John Reynolds Cabinet Member for Environmental Services Strategic Director for Delivery Date: 12 September 2013 Time: 09:10 hrs.
DECISION OF CABINET/CABINET PANEL	That Option 2 be approved as the preferred service delivery model that aligns cleansing cycles throughout the city and implements best practice in all areas which also allows the best utilisation of resources within programmed works deployed in areas in most need of cleansing
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The preferred Option 2 model would allow the service to optimise mechanisation and provides robust consistent frontline environmental cleansing service delivery that ensures that mechanised sweeping for roads can be set at every 12 weeks as a minimum, whilst still maintaining a continuous presence in some neighbourhood areas, with orderly hand carts and specific channel, footway litter collection at a minimum of every 6 weeks. In addition to this, there would be major enhancements to the service, including a mobile city-wide resource team to deal with urgent/high priority littering issues and requests,

	<p>although there are presently only a small number of sweeping requests within neighbourhood areas each month, many of which can be dealt with by use of manual resources and scheduled cleansing arrangements (every 6 weeks) rather than the deployment of mechanical sweepers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would also be additional mechanical “Green machines” in the city/town centres, shopping areas and other such “hot-spots.” • A minimum 6-weekly manual cleansing regime in neighbourhood areas, together with a minimum 12-weekly mechanical sweep ensures acceptable standards in accordance with section 89 of The Environmental Act 1990 and the ‘Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse’ (COPLAR) 2006 which provides guidance on a series of legislation and powers affected by the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005. • The preferred resource model would ensure that personnel and equipment is deployed into areas where cleansing is most needed instead of wasting resources with superfluous equipment on a traditional frequency based approach, where some areas are cleansed whether needed or not. Flexibility for cleansing exceptions is included within the plan on this Option. Locations which would require additional cleansing due to high foot fall or other local issues have been identified and included in this model.
<p>SCRUTINY BOARD DECISION</p>	<p>Decision Noted</p>
<p>SCRUTINY BOARD COMMENTS OR ISSUES RAISED</p>	<p>None</p>