

Scrutiny Commission

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Clean Streets update



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Title: Clean Streets- Graffiti and environmental enforcement contract

Ward: City wide

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Recommendation

To consider an update on the Bristol City Council's approach to graffiti and the change of contractor delivering the enhanced enforcement contract



1. Summary

2. Context

- 2.1 The numbers of reports for graffiti removal are increasing and a recent independent survey shows incidents have increased since 2015. Bristol City Council's approach to graffiti is being reviewed. A number of new initiatives to reduce graffiti tagging and to improve how it is removed have recently been agreed with the Bristol Waste Company and the police. Consideration is being given to making the graffiti policy more consistent in promoting a zero tolerance approach
- 2.2 Following a 14 month trial of enhanced environmental services delivered by Kingdom Environmental Services a longer term contract has been entered into with 3GS. Scrutiny Commission is keen to explore how the change of contractor is impacting operations and what opportunities are being considered for elected members to get involved in the delivery of the service

3. Policy

- 3.1 A key mayoral pledge is that Bristol will be measurably cleaner by 2020. This includes less litter, fly tipping, fly posting, graffiti, dog fouling
- 3.2 The corporate strategy commits to improving our environment to ensure people enjoy cleaner air, cleaner streets and access to parks and green spaces.
- 3.3 The corporate strategy makes clear that, for Bristol to continue to thrive in the face of significant financial challenge there needs to be a new collaboration between the city council, voluntary and community sectors, business and the people of Bristol.

4. Public Sector Equality Duties

- 5a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following "protected characteristics": age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
 - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected

characteristic;

- take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
- encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
- tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.

- 5b) The approach to graffiti and environmental enforcement is implemented as part of the Mayoral Clean Streets Plan for which a full EqIA has been undertaken to identify and mitigate any potential negative impact on people with protected characteristics Appendix 2

Appendices:

Appendix 1- Graffiti presentation

Appendix 2- Enforcement Contractor presentation

Appendix 3 EQIA

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/33395/Waste+Disposal+and+Street+Scene+Services+Policy+Statements>

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/bins-recycling/clean-streets-campaign>