

General scrutiny committee: scoping statement for the litter review task and finish group

Title of review	Litter review
Scope	
Reason for review	The cabinet member- commissioning, procurement and assets has asked if the committee would be interested in establishing a task and finish group to undertake a short, sharp review to contribute to an updated litter strategy including, for example, ideas on enforcement, positioning of bins and educational programmes. This would involve discussions with external groups and volunteers. The issue has been the subject of local and national publicity.
Links to the corporate plan	The review contributes to the following objectives contained in the Herefordshire corporate plan and other key plans and strategies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Litter is not mentioned in the County plan 2020-2024 specifically but the review will contribute to the environment ambition 'Protect and enhance our environment and keep Herefordshire a great place to live'
Summary of the review and terms of reference	Summary: the review will look at what the council and the community or currently doing in regard to litter across the county. Following that it will consider further improvements to tackle litter.
	Terms of Reference: The review will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review current litter activity including education, supporting communities, enforcement, litter hotspots and bin location. To consider best practice regarding reducing litter from other local authorities. To consider recommendations on how to reduce the cost of litter to the council. To consider how to further empower the community litter picking groups. To consider appropriate level of enforcement.
What will NOT be included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog fouling due to being different legislation and brings different set of issues.
Potential outcomes	To reduce litter within Herefordshire.
Key Questions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What does the council already do regarding litter? What does the community/volunteer sector currently do regarding litter? What is the current situation regarding litter enforcement? What is the current situation regarding litter bins? What is the current procedures for disposal of personal protective equipment e.g. face coverings found as litter?
Cabinet Member(s)	Cabinet member - commissioning, procurement and assets
Key stakeholders / Consultees	Internal: Waste management team Community protection team

	<p>Communications team</p> <p>Contracts team</p> <p>Councillors</p> <p>External: Balfour Beatty Living Places</p> <p>Stop the drop members</p> <p>Community litter picking groups</p> <p>Parish and town councils</p> <p>Other local authorities</p>
Potential witnesses	As above
Research Required	Current status, what other local authorities do and any best practice.
Potential Visits	
Publicity Requirements	

Outline Timetable:	
<i>Activity</i>	<i>Timescale</i>
Confirm approach, terms of reference, programme of consultation/research/provisional witnesses/meeting dates	To be confirmed
Review current litter activity across Herefordshire	
Consult partners for views on further improvements that could be made	
Consider any cost savings that could be made	
Consider how to further support community litter groups	
Consider any enforcement improvements	
Present final report to general scrutiny committee	

Members –	
Chair	To be confirmed
Support Members	General scrutiny committee members Councillors Bowen (True Independents), Bowes and Summers (Independents for Herefordshire). The other political groups have been invited to nominate a representative, with the following nominees identified Councillor Ann-Marie Probert (Conservatives), [to be confirmed] Liberal Democrats, and [to be confirmed] (The Green Party)
Co-optees	
Support Officers	David Hough, Trading Standards Service Manager Ben Boswell, Head of Environment Climate Emergency and Waste Services