E&E Select Committee – Fly-tipping Review

Emerging Review Recommendations

Recommendation 1 – Strengthen proportionate enforcement

Monitor enforcement activity and reduce the gap between reported incidents and cases receiving an effective response. Give residents an opportunity to rectify initial mistakes where appropriate but consider stronger action against repeat offenders. The committee agrees with the Cabinet Portfolio for Environment that it would not be helpful to set numerical FPN targets; rather the authority should assess outcomes through prevention, clearance and behaviour change instead.

Recommendation 2 – Target persistent hotspots

Use improved reporting data to focus education, monitoring and enforcement on recurring problem locations. Consider street-wide letters, leaflets and door-to-door engagement, alongside opportunities for residents to provide information anonymously.

Recommendation 3 – Improve public information

Provide clear, regular, and visual explanations of what constitutes fly-tipping—including leaving waste beside bins or recycling containers. Share guidance with Members on the preferred 'Report It' reporting route.

Consider positive publicity about successful interventions and enforcement outcomes without unnecessarily identifying individuals.

Recommendation 4 - Review CCTV and signage

(i) Review the positioning and use of existing CCTV, including the potential deployment of cameras at hotspots. Consider publicising CCTV coverage as a deterrent, while taking account of permissions, costs and privacy requirements.

(ii) Improve signage and monitoring at bring-bank sites rather than relying solely on increased disposal capacity.

Recommendation 5 - Explore dedicated enforcement capacity

Investigate a dedicated fly-tipping enforcement officer working alongside waste and cleansing teams.

Recommendation 6 - Review waste-disposal access and previous local schemes

Review why neighbourhood electrical recycling facilities and skips were withdrawn and consider whether reinstatement could help reduce fly-tipping. Examine barriers to accessing disposal facilities, including lack of transport and digital exclusion.

Recommendation 7 - Improve evidence and comparative data

Provide Members with further information on repeat offenders and available Hertfordshire enforcement data. Continue work towards consistent reporting across authorities so comparisons are meaningful.

Recommendation 8 - Consider recovering clearance costs

Explore proposals to recover clearance costs from repeat offenders.