

## **COUNCIL – AGENDA ITEM 6**

**DATE OF MEETING: 9 OCTOBER 2019**

**REPORT BY: COUNCILLOR BURGESS (CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD)**

At its meeting on 11 September 2019 the Community Board considered a joint report and addendum of the Head of Streetscene Manager on the following item and made the following recommendation to Full Council.

### **ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEY POLICY**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Board recommends to Full Council:

The Council adopts Schedule 4 (Abandoned Shopping and Luggage Trolleys) Environmental Protection Act 1990 (“Schedule 4”) for its area and the Abandoned Shopping Trolley Policy with effect from a date no later than 3 months following such a resolution in full Council.

The Monitoring Officer to have the authority to take the steps required by the legislation to adopt Schedule 4 and implement the Policy.

Appendix 1 – Part I Minutes of the meeting of the Community Board held on 11 September 2019

### **13. ABANDONED SHOPPING TROLLEY POLICY**

Consideration was given to a report of the Head of Streetscene advising Members on the outcome of the consultation exercise as authorised by the Chief Executive in August 2018, and to recommend the implementation of the Abandoned Shopping Trolley Policy (Appendix A) and set the appropriate fees.

Members welcomed the implementation of a policy that would help to address the issue of abandoned shopping trolleys as they were unsightly within the Borough.

The Board questioned whether it was hoped the policy would encourage supermarkets to collect the trolleys before the Council did, as they were already requested to collect abandoned trolleys.

The Board was advised that supermarkets rented trolleys and that they were priced at £400-£600 each, it was thought that paying the fine would be a better alternative than paying for a new trolley. In addition, the policy would encourage supermarkets to work to keep their trolleys on site and it was advised that it was important that the Council were not out of pocket in their efforts to remove abandoned trolleys from the Borough.

The Board was advised that supermarkets were obligated to take responsibility for their trolleys and that those trolleys that it was noted that there tended to be a greater problem with trolleys that were not fitted with the requirement for a £1 deposit.

In answer to a Member's question, the Board was advised that it would be possible to enforce the Policy on shops located outside the Borough, including those belonging to shops on Newgate Lane.

The Board was also advised that investigations would be made into removing trolleys from the creek.

Members questioned whether it would be possible to remove trolleys that were located on private land as they were often unsightly. Members were advised to report any incidents of fly tipping to Streetscene for assessment.

Resolved:

That the Board recommends to Full Council:

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