

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL SERVICES**

**FLY TIPPING AND CYCLE PATH INTERVENTIONS**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide the Coalfield Area Committee with information relating to research undertaken across Sunderland and advise of the planned expenditure to address Fly Tipping and Improve Cycle paths as part of the Council's Strategic Investment Plan.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Following Cabinet approval of the Strategic Investment Plan on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2008, twelve individual projects with a total value of £31.5million were allocated for delivery across the Council's Directorates.
- 2.2 Community and Cultural Services Directorate are responsible for the delivery of five projects. Two of those - Interventions to address Fly Tipping and Improvements to Cycle Paths, are the subject of this report.
- 2.3 Cycle Path Improvements - The aim of this project is to increase opportunities for take-up of cycling, raise participation and increase perceptions and satisfaction by reviewing the maintenance and upkeep of key cycle paths across the city.
- 2.4 Fly tipping Interventions – This project aims to implement fly tipping interventions at identified problem locations across the city.

**3.0 AREA WORKING AND PROVISION IN COALFIELD SUNDERLAND**

- 3.1 Information has been drawn from a number of sources including feedback from the Leader's ward visits, customer requests and complaints, and inspections undertaken by Environmental Services operatives, as part of their enriched roles, to inform and develop a proposed programme of works to address fly tipping and to raise participation and increase perceptions and satisfaction with cycle paths across all of the Council's Regeneration Framework Areas.
- 3.2 It is proposed that, on the basis of the collated information, that works estimated to cost £100,000 are undertaken in the Coalfield Area. Principal sites to be tackled are listed within Appendix 1 of this report.

**3.3 Fly Tipping**

- 3.3.1 A variety of works are included within the proposed programme, including removal of fly tipping, tree and shrub removal, strim grassed areas and installation of columns to which CCTV equipment can be mounted as required, knee rail fencing, barriers, fencing and bollards.
- 3.3.2 At some of the identified sites it has been noted that the potential for the introduction of preventative measures is limited. In such cases advisory notices/signage could be erected and additional patrols undertaken by Enforcement

and Environmental Services staff, with the staff trained accordingly on how to gather and preserve any evidence that may/could lead to prosecution of offenders.

### **3.4 Cycle Paths**

- 3.4.1 The proposed programme has been developed in partnership with the Sunderland City Council's Cycle Network/Public Rights Of Way Officer.
- 3.4.2 A variety of works are included within the proposed programme, including pruning of vegetation, thinning of plantation, tree and shrub removal, graffiti removal, improved directional signage, repairs to access barriers and barrier installation, painting, hard surfacing repairs, litter and dog bin installation and installation of columns to which CCTV equipment can be mounted as required.
- 3.4.3 To ensure improvements are undertaken on those parts of the Cycleway network that are not the Council's responsibility at the same time that those which are; the Public Rights of Way Officer has secured agreement with ONE North East, Sustrans and English Partnerships. (The council already undertakes vegetation control and route cleansing on behalf of ONE and Sustrans).
- 3.5 Maximum benefit will be secured from planned works if the vegetation clearance can be expedited and completed early to mid March i.e. prior to the bird nesting season. Work delayed beyond that point would have to be deferred until much later in the year in order to comply with wildlife protection legislation. A delay would also impact on the removal of litter and fly-tipping which will be masked by the growth of vegetation.

### **4.0 FUNDING AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 An overall budget allocation of £600,000 capital was agreed at Cabinet on 12 March 2008, for Fly Tipping and Cycle path Intervention works.

### **5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 Members are requested to approve the proposed programme of works in the Coalfield Area.

### **6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 6.1 Sunderland City Council - Staff Reporting Line
- 6.2 Leader Ward Visit feedback
- 6.3 Customer Requests for Service and Complaints

**COALFIELDS FLY TIPPING – PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS 2009**

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>REASON FOR IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>WORK REQUIRED</b>
Elemore Vale	Burnt out cars, fly tipping, litter	Install barrier with pedestrian access and general tidy up
Flint Mill	Regular fly tipping	Install small section of fencing, remove fly tipping and install camera
Hetton Lyons Country Park	Regular fly tipping	Install barrier to car park and lock at night
Hunter Street Allotments	Large amounts of fly tipping outside the site and vandalism issues	CCTV camera
Seaham Road Allotments	Large amounts of fly tipping outside the site - measures have been put in place to prevent it, however this has not worked	CCTV camera
Whitehills Road - Easington Lane	Regular fly tipping and litter	Install barrier and camera and general tidy up of area

### COALFIELDS FLY TIPPING – PROPOSED MAINTENANCE WORKS 2009

LOCATION	REASON FOR IMPROVEMENT	WORK REQUIRED
Broomhill Hetton	Regular fly tipping	General tidy up
Burdon Lane, McLaren Way Herrington	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly - tipping
Downs Pit Lane, Cosy Est, Hazard Lane, Robin Lane	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly – tipping
East Rainton Cricket Field entrance	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly – tipping
Gilpin Woods - Houghton	Fly tipping and anti-social behaviour	General tidy up and extensive thinning and removal works
Herrington Road opposite market Crescent	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove shrubs and landscape area to grass
Moorsley Road, Colliery Lane	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly - tipping
Redburn Row, Durham Street, Lambton Lane	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly – tipping
Whitehills Road - Easington Lane	Regular fly tipping and litter	Install barrier and camera and general tidy up of area

### COALFIELDS FLY TIPPING – PROPOSED CLEARANCE WORKS 2009

LOCATION	REASON FOR IMPROVEMENT	WORK REQUIRED
Burdon Lane, McLaren Way Herrington	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly - tipping
Downs Pit Lane, Cosy Est, Hazard Lane, Robin Lane	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly – tipping
East Rainton Cricket Field entrance	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly – tipping
Moorsley Road, Colliery Lane	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly - tipping
Redburn Row, Durham Street, Lambton Lane	Reduce/remove fly - tipping	Remove fly – tipping

**PROPOSED CYCLEWAY IMPROVEMENTS  
COALFIELD**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Map Ref</b>	<b>Reason for improvement</b>	<b>Initial Work Required MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>Annual Maintenance required</b>
Durham boundary to Fox & Hounds	46/33 46/34 47/35	Safe passage & visibility. Discourage antisocial behaviour	Thin trees to expose lights. Remove front row of plantation.	Pruning of plantations HS Chemical control Weekly Inspections inc sweeping & litter collection.
Hetton to Seaton	47/35 48/35 49/35 49/36 50/37 50/38 50/39 51/40 52/41	Improve Public perception. Encourage more users to take part	Pruning overhangs from plantations.	Mulch shrub beds & winter clean out  Pruning of plantations Weekly Inspections inc sweeping & litter collection, graffiti & repairs
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Durham boundary to Fox & Hounds	46/33 46/34 47/35	Safe passage & visibility. Discourage antisocial behaviour	Additional direction signage required. Graffiti to be removed. Warning signs to advise of road approach to be introduced. Fencing repairs/replacement	
Hetton to Seaton		Improve Public perception. Encourage more users to take part	Seat to be replaced (damaged beyond repair). Introduce information signage. Erect new safety barrier to bridge as safety issue. A19 bridge – paint and general area clean up.	

Location	Map Ref	Reason for improvement	Initial Work Required CLEANSING	Annual Maintenance required
Durham boundary to Fox & Hounds  Hetton to Seaton	46/33 46/34 47/35	Safe passage & visibility. Discourage antisocial behaviour Improve Public perception. Encourage more users to take part	Sweeping, cleaning & Litter collection Removal of fly tipping.	Weekly Inspections inc sweeping & litter collection, graffiti & repairs