

**Classification:** Public

**Key Decision:** No

## Gravesham Borough Council

**Report to:** Operational Services Cabinet Committee

**Date:** Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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**Subject:** Street Cleansing Policy

### Purpose and summary of report:

To present Members with the proposed Street Cleansing Policy for comment and consideration.

### Recommendations:

1. Members are requested to consider the proposed Street Cleansing Policy, attached as Appendix One, and recommend its adoption.

<b>Key Implications:</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Implications</b>
<b>Legal</b>	Under the Environment Protection Act, the Council has a duty to keep the streets clear of litter and remove fly-tipped waste on public land.
<b>Finance and Value for Money</b>	There are no financial requests arising from the proposed policy.
<b>Corporate Plan</b>	#1 People: To create clean, welcoming neighbourhoods and parks.
<b>Climate Change</b>	Priority 3 (GBC - The Community Leader): The initiatives and public engagement outlined Sections 8, 9 & 10 of the proposed Street Cleansing Policy will help in continuing to educate residents to improve street cleanliness in order to deliver a cleaner, greener borough.  Specifically, the campaigns and actions outlined will encourage more stewardship of the local environment to improve the cleanliness of the borough, and will reduce the environmental harm caused by litter.

## 1. Background

- 1.1 Street cleanliness is a priority for Gravesham Borough Council, as outlined in the Corporate Plan for 2019-23, specifically '*#1 People: To create clean, welcoming neighbourhoods and parks.*'
- 1.2 The Street Cleansing Team maintains much of the environment for our community. Clean, safe, accessible and attractive streets & open spaces are a fundamental to delivering a borough to be proud of, which is pleasant to live and work in and to visit.
- 1.3 Under the Environment Protection Act, the Council has a duty to keep the streets clear of litter and remove fly-tipped waste on public land.

## 2. Street Cleansing Policy

- 2.1 The policy details the service specification for street cleansing, including the duties and key functions carried out by the Street Cleansing Team.
- 2.2 The key functions carried out are differentiated into two distinct streams; scheduled work and unscheduled works.
- 2.3 The policy outlines the hours of operation and service functions, as well as the response times.
- 2.4 The policy also outlines activities such as education and enforcement action undertaken to help residents understand their role in maintaining good standards of Streetscene to make their borough a more pleasant place to live, work and play.

## 3. Appendices

- 3.1 The following documents are to be published with the report:
  - Appendix One - DRAFT Street Cleansing Policy

## 4. Background Documents

- 4.1 There are no background documents.

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<b>Secondary Implications</b>	
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Failure to maintain or continue to improve to the cleanliness of the borough will damage the local environment; and so residents & visitors may have a negative view of the borough.
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	<p><i>A data protection impact assessment (DPIA) should be carried out at the start of any major project involving the use of personal data or if you are making a significant change to an existing process.</i></p> <p>a. Does the project/change being recommended through this paper involve the processing of <a href="#">personal data</a> or <a href="#">special category data</a> or <a href="#">criminal offence data</a>? A definition of each type of data can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website via the above links. No.</p> <p>b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice? N/A.</p> <p>c. If no to question b, please seek advice from your nominated DPIA assessor or the Information Governance Team at <a href="mailto:gdpr@medway.gov.uk">gdpr@medway.gov.uk</a>. N/A.</p>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	<p>a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? If yes, please explain answer. No.</p> <p>b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer. N/A.</p> <p><i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i></p>
<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	Community safety - a clean environment helps to reduce the likelihood of littering and other anti-social behaviours.
<b>Digital and website implications</b>	There are no implications.
<b>Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults</b>	There are no implications.