

PETITION TO CLEAN UP CLIFTONVILLE WEST

Council	7 December 2017
Report Author	Nick Hughes, Committee Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Portfolio Holder	Councillor Crow-Brown, Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance Services
Status	For Information
Classification:	Unrestricted
Key Decision	No
Ward:	Cliftonville West

Executive Summary:

An e-petition containing 182 valid signatures has been received by the Council from residents who ask for the council to clean up Cliftonville West.

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the result of the Cabinet meeting on 3 October 17.

Recommendation(s):

To note the report.

No further action needs to be taken by the council.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no identified financial implications at this time. Any future financial implications will need to be recognised as they become known and contained within the agreed budget for this project.
Legal	There are no legal implications for this report. This matter is dealt with under the Council's scheme for dealing with petitions from the public which is contained within the constitution.
Corporate	In accordance with the Council's petition scheme if a petition has over 25, but less than 650, signatories, it will be referred to Cabinet or an appropriate committee without debate for report to Council within three ordinary meetings.
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

	Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.	
	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	
	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	
There are no specific equity and equalities issues arising from this report.		

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	✓

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 In accordance with the Council's petition scheme if a petition has over 25, but less than 650, signatories, it will be referred to Cabinet or an appropriate committee without debate for report to Council within three ordinary meetings.
- 1.2 This petition was considered at the full Council meeting on 13 July 2017 where Ms Goodson presented her petition to the meeting, it was then referred to the meeting of Cabinet on 3 October 2017 for decision in accordance with the Council's petition scheme.
- 1.3 This report informs Council of the result of the Cabinet meeting of the 3 October 2017.

2.0 The Current Situation

- 2.1 An e-petition was received from Ms Goodson and was validly signed by 182 persons. The petition prayer read:

"We the undersigned petition the council to This petition calls on Thanet District Council to firstly clean up, and thereafter regularly maintain, the streets, promenades and beach areas of Cliftonville West - an area persistently blighted by litter, dog fouling and a general lack of cleanliness - in accordance with the standards and statutory obligations imposed on the council by the Environmental Protection Act 1990, and the DEFRA Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse. 1. Remove all litter & dog fouling from the streets, cliff tops, promenades and beaches. Sweep the streets, cliff tops & promenades & remove all detritus & weeds, then maintain this level of cleanliness; 2. Deep clean the area by washing the streets & pavements; 3. Monitor and remove graffiti; 4. Increase the number of bins & dog bins in Cliftonville West; 5. Employ a beach warden for the summer season to stop anti-social behaviour leading

to littering, dog fouling & broken glass; 6. Issue enforcement notices for littering, dog fouling & to landowners.”

- 2.2 Cabinet considered the petition at its meeting on the 3 October 2017 and agreed to note the new approach and pilot of an Operational Services Task Force for Cliftonville West ward, cleansing hot-spot locations.

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Annex List

<i>None</i>	<i>N/A</i>
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
<i>None</i>	<i>N/A</i>

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Ramesh Prashar, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer