

EX103. Litter Strategy Development

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided an update on the development of a litter strategy in relation to the revised Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (Scotland) 2018 (CoPLAR).

The Scottish Government introduced the new CoPLAR in June 2018 which emphasised the role of litter prevention. The CoPLAR, aligned with the National Litter Strategy, encouraged duty bodies to prioritise litter prevention to influence behavioural change and adopt a sustainable approach to clear litter and refuse. Duty bodies must have regard to the code in that they outline the standard required for each duty, support the prioritisation of where and when to tackle problems and provide the maximum timescales for restoring areas to the standard. Bodies are also encouraged to undertake robust monitoring.

The development of a litter strategy should be in alignment with the CoPLAR and should aim for all citizens and duty bodies in the Falkirk Council area to understand their responsibilities, to be accountable for their actions and to help keep the area clean. This was balanced with meeting the expectations of communities at a time of heightened budgetary pressures. It was suggested that the approach should be to create a strategic framework which outlined how the Council would carry out its responsibilities and provide leadership and support to other bodies and communities to prevent litter and flytipping.

The intention of the litter strategy would be to provide a strategic approach to dealing with litter and flytipping. The Council would work with partners to develop litter prevention action plan(s). The Council's own plan would outline each Service's preventative actions to tackle litter and flytipping in relation to three main areas; information, infrastructure and enforcement. The Council would also develop a Community Litter Prevention Action Plan for the Falkirk area. It would enable the Council to work with community partners to share resources, deliver objectives and provide knowledge to influence behavioural change.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) considered the content of the report and the approach in the development of the Council's litter strategy and litter prevention action plan(s), and**
- (2) instructed the Director of Development Services to develop a litter strategy in line with the requirements of the revised Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (Scotland) 2018 (CoPLAR) and report back to Members in due course.**