

Additional Paper for 6th July 2017

Potential to review Statutory Street Cleaning Services

Potential Implementation from 2018

Potential savings are very limited

1. Present Situation

Street Cleaning comes under s89(1) of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990.

The EPA imposes a duty on certain bodies including educational institutions, local authorities and the Secretary of State for Transport to ensure that the land under their control is, so far as is practicable, kept clear of litter and refuse.

The Council therefore has a statutory responsibility to do this. It assess the success of this by monitoring its own performance graded A downwards against the now removed National Indicator 195. The Council has set itself a target of B+ and performs at B. The Council receives very few complaints regarding the standard of street cleanliness.

The Council's street cleaning team consists of eleven members of staff including the three dedicated town centre staff. The team use one road sweeper, one footway sweeper and one alleyway sweeper together with three pickup trucks, 1 small RVC a transit pick up and 1 van.

2. Options

The services is continually reviewed and reorganised operationally in order to reduce costs without compromising cleanliness standards so there is very limited scope to reduce the service further. The total cost of service is approximately £450,000 per year.