



# Environment Committee

## 20 January 2020

**Title**

### Member's Items

**Councillor Alan Schneiderman – The Poor State of Phone Boxes**

**Councillor Geoff Cook – Review of FPNs for littering / flytipping**

**Report of**

Head of Governance

**Wards**

All Wards

**Status**

Public

**Urgent**

No

**Key**

No

**Enclosures**

None

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## Summary

Members Items have been received for the Environment Committee from Councillor Alan Schneiderman and Geoff Cook. The Committee are requested to consider the items and give instructions.

## Officers Recommendation

**That the Environment Committee's instructions in relation to these Member's Items are requested.**

## 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Members of the Committee have requested that the items tabled below are submitted to the Environment Committee for considering and determination. The Environment Committee are requested to provide instructions to Officers of the Council as recommended.

<b>Alan Schneiderman</b>	<b>The Poor State of Phone Boxes</b>  Many BT phone boxes in the Borough are not working, vandalised or in a poor state of repair. I request that the Environment committee asks the interim Environment director to write to BT to ask them to bring all of their phone boxes up to an acceptable standard within a reasonable timeframe and if this is not acted upon to investigate powers that the council may be able to use to seek to enforce this.  A similar members' item was submitted to the Environment Committee meeting on <a href="#">14 March 2018</a> , but has not led to any action and the same problem still persists.
<b>Geoff Cook</b>	<b>Review of FPNs for littering / flytipping</b>  Councillors are still receiving complaints from residents about the unfair application of fixed penalty notices being given for littering / flytipping when residents and businesses are leaving rubbish for collection.  I ask the Committee to agree that officers undertake a review of the current policy and operation of the enforcement contract and report back to the Committee so any necessary changes can be made.

## 2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 No recommendations have been made. The Committee are therefore requested to give consideration and provide instruction.

## 3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 N/A

## 4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Post decision implementation will depend on the decision taken by the Committee.

## 5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

- 5.1 **Corporate Priorities and Performance**

5.1.1 As and when issues raised through a Member's Item are progressed, they will need to be evaluated against the Corporate Plan and other relevant policies.

## 5.2 **Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

## 5.3 **Legal and Constitutional References**

5.3.1 A Member (including Members appointed as substitutes by Council) will be permitted to have one matter only (with no sub-items) on the agenda for a meeting of a committee or Sub-Committee on which s/he serves. The matter must be relevant to the terms of reference of the committee.

5.3.2 The referral of a motion from Full Council to a committee will not count as a Member's Item for the purposes of this rule.

## 5.4 **Risk Management**

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

## 5.5 **Equalities and Diversity**

5.5.1 Members' Items allow Members of a Committee to bring a wide range of issues to the attention of a Committee in accordance with the Council's Constitution. All of these issues must be considered for their equalities and diversity implications.

## 5.6 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.6.1 None in the context of this report.

## 6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 None.