

NOTE FOR: Effectiveness of the Council's Enforcement Activity Working Group

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SUBJECT: Review of Scoping Document

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This note seeks the potential review of the Working Group's Scoping Document.

2. Recommendations

That consideration be given to the potential review of the Working Group's Scoping Document.

3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting held on 25 February 2019 the Working Group agreed (Minute No. 8) its Scoping Document. A copy of the Scoping Document is attached to this briefing note.

4. Review of Scoping Document

- 4.1 As Members will be aware it has been some time since the Working Group approved its Scoping Document and since the Working Group last met.
- 4.2 Bearing this in mind and following consultation with the Head of Highways and Public Protection it may now be an opportune moment for Members to review the Scope to ensure it is still valid; or to perhaps consider whether the Scoping document needs to be narrowed to focus on more specific activities such as fly tipping / rear entries, or a similar focus area, whilst maintaining the particularly focus on the potential and actual impact of enforcement activity on regeneration and skills within the borough.; And to thereafter establish a specific work programme looking at the revised Scoping Document in more detail, for example, visits with NSL or meetings with representatives of the organisation; discussions with resident groups/representatives; meetings with other Councils.
- 4.3 As background information in respect of fly tipping, the situation in rear entries has worsened considerably recently and Cleansing teams are really struggling to deal with the problem. Meetings have been held with South Sefton Ward Councillors, whose Wards are most affected, but no agreement has yet been reached on the best approach to take with limited resource. The Council is rolling out a series of improvements to refuse collection (wheeled bins and communal bins) and the impact of these initiatives will hopefully alleviate such problems. The issue is also

part of the Demand Management Programme – so further consideration by Working Group Members could help to inform this approach. Officers would then be in a position to amend the Scoping Document in accordance with Members' wishes.

- 4.4 A copy of the Working Group's Scoping Document is attached. As mentioned previously the Scoping Document was approved in 2019 and since then Councillor Booth did not stand for re-election and very sadly, Councillor Michael O'Brien has passed away. Councillor Robinson has also been appointed as a member of the Working Group. The Scoping Document will have to be amended to reflect these changes.