

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Meeting of the Climate Change and Communities Scrutiny Committee on 14th
April 2026**

**Review of the Council's Approach to Environmental Despoilment Education
and Enforcement – Post-Scrutiny Monitoring (First Interim Report)**

Report of the Scrutiny Officer

Classification	This report is Public
Contact Officer	The Scrutiny Officer, Coby Bunyan

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To present the interim Post-Scrutiny Monitoring Report assessing progress against the recommendations to date for the Review of the Council's Approach to Environmental Despoilment Education and Enforcement.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The Climate Change and Communities Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a review of the Council's approach to environmental despoilment education and enforcement, as part of the 2024-25 Work Programme.
- 1.2 The issue was initially raised due to concerns about environmental despoilment in Bolsover District, including fly-tipping, littering, and dog fouling. These issues not only degrade the aesthetic value of the District but also pose significant risks to public health, safety, and local biodiversity.
- 1.3 This is a critical issue for the Council, as it aligns with both local priorities - such as creating safer, cleaner neighbourhoods - and national objectives focused on waste reduction and environmental sustainability.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The Committee put together ten recommendations, as outlined in the appendices, which have assisted the Council in improving Environmental Despoilment Education and Enforcement.
- 2.2 This report acknowledges progress to date by Officers implementing the recommendations.

2.3 To date **10** out **11** recommendations have been achieved, **1** are on track and will hopefully be completed within the original target date and **0** has been extended or marked as alert.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 Members are required to make their report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Constitution.

3.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Constitution.

3.3 Members must note Executive’s response to the review recommendations and agree to review progress on the approved recommendations. A progress report will be submitted in six- and twelve-months’ time, with any exceptions to expected delivery highlighted.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 There are no alternative options. Members are required to note the service’s response to progress against the review recommendations.

4.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Constitution and as such the report cannot be rejected.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 1. That Scrutiny Members note the progress against the review recommendations.
- 2. That Scrutiny Members acknowledge any exceptions to delivery and clarify the additional action required by the service.
- 3. That Scrutiny Members make its report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Council’s Constitution.
- 4. That Officers continue to implement the recommendations and submit a further report in twelve months’ time highlighting progress and any exceptions to delivery.

IMPLICATIONS:

<u>Finance and Risk</u>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Details:		
There are no immediate financial implications arising directly from the recommendations of this report. However, several recommendations suggest that		

the Council may need to consider future investment. As such, it should be noted that potential funding may be required at a later stage, depending on how the recommendations are implemented—particularly recommendations 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4, as outlined in the attached report within the appendices.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection) Yes No

Details:

In carrying out scrutiny reviews the Council is exercising its scrutiny powers as laid out in s.21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent legislation which added/amended these powers.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing Yes No

Details:

None from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

Equality and Diversity, and Consultation Yes No

Details:

N/A

Environment Yes No

Details:

The scrutiny review supports the Corporate Ambition of ‘Environment’ and ‘Customers’. The review also supports the Council’s Priorities of: ‘Reducing our carbon footprint whilst supporting and encouraging residents and businesses to do the same’; ‘Enhancing biodiversity across the District’; ‘Working with stakeholders, regional and local partnerships to deliver shared strategies and priorities that support the local environment’; and ‘Ensuring all areas, neighbourhoods and streets in the District, irrespective of housing tenure or type, are places where people want to live, feel safe and are proud to live’.

The review supports the Council’s Target ENV.06 – ‘Reduce fly-tipping incidents per 1,000 people in Bolsover District over the plan period’ as well as the KPI goals SS 01 – ‘Remove 95% of hazardous Fly Tipping within 24 hours of being reported (Quarterly)’ and SS 02 – ‘Remove 95% of non-hazardous Fly Tipping within 5 working days of being reported (Quarterly)’.

DECISION INFORMATION:

Please indicate which threshold applies:

Is the decision a Key Decision?

A Key Decision is an Executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more wards in the District or which results in

Yes No

<p>income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>Revenue (a) Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more.</p> <p>Capital (a) Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.</p> <p>District Wards Significantly Affected: <i>(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)</i> Please state below which wards are affected or tick All if all wards are affected:</p>	<p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>All <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
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<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p> <p>If No, is the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decision(s) proposed within this report? <i>(decisions may only be classified as exempt from call-in with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer)</i></p> <p>Consultation carried out: <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i></p> <p>Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing
'Environment' and 'Customers'

DOCUMENT INFORMATION:

Appendix No	Title
1	Executive Response to Review of the Council's Energy Policy for Local Housing – Original Recommendations

2	Post Scrutiny Monitoring Report - Review of the Council's Energy Policy for Local Housing
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Background Papers
<i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>