

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR PLACE SCRUTINY – 9 October 2017

Question 1 from Mr David Webb to the Executive Councillor for Transport, Waste & Cleaning (Cllr Tony Cox)

Question

In July Full Council, a main question was asked when planned works started they pay a loan for highway (pavements). Question: Which department takes the picture before and after the work is finished by the highway as many times the highway is damaged by heavy vehicles delivering equipment going on site?

Answer

In cases where a planning application is submitted, Planning Officers from the Department for Place, take photos of the footpath for record purposes. However, the key evidence is when damage actually happens to the pavement or verge. To that end, any employee of the Council who witnesses damage being done can take a photo as evidence. Indeed, residents or visitors to the Borough can provide photos of damage being done and the Council will act on it. The evidence must be sufficient to enable the Council to pursue the appropriate legal action.

Question 2 from Mr David Webb to the Executive Councillor for Transport, Waste & Cleaning (Cllr Tony Cox)

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Milton Labour Councillor, Julian Ware-Lane stated that high frequency of refuse collection in areas of Milton is owing to fly tipping. This is similar to my ward in Westborough where I have reported in the last year 200 fly tipping incidents. It is hard to get evidence. Question: How many caution, fines have

been given out in 2015 - 2016, 2016 - 2017, 2017 - 2018 and will there be CCTV be available for hotspots in Milton and Westborough and other wards to capture vehicles and resident tipping?

Answer

A majority of reports from residents are actually attributed to misrepresented waste which is perceived by the public as fly tipping. Southend Borough Council does take fly tipping incidents very seriously and has taken over 300 enforcement actions over the past 2 years against people and businesses for these offences. The enforcement actions consisted of a combination of Formal Notice's, Fixed Penalty Fines and Legal Prosecutions. Officers from the Environmental Care Team have provided Mr Webb with the data that he has requested prior to Scrutiny.

In relation to CCTV cameras and their use I can advise that there is already extensive CCTV infrastructure in the borough and we have had successful prosecutions as a result of fly tips recorded on current CCTV infrastructure. There is a current review of CCTV being undertaken. Drop in sessions have already been held for Members and residents but anyone can contribute to the consultation via the Council's web site. The consultation closes on 6th October.