



SCRUTINY TOPIC REGISTRATION

Date:	16 May 2013
Name of person proposing topic:	Cllr Penny Hall
Contact:	
Suggested title of topic:	Management by CBC of services to prevent dog fouling of streets and green spaces throughout Cheltenham
<p>What is the issue that scrutiny needs to address? Local residents and community organisations have expressed concern with increasing dog fouling of streets and green spaces. I raised the subject with the Cabinet Member Sustainability at the Council meeting on 25/03/2013 (see minutes), including the cost of provision of more dog bins by Charlton Kings Parish Council</p> <p>The issues the reply raised that I would like this scrutiny topic to consider are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Management of the dog bin collection services 2. The “ existing policy position on the provision of dog bins” , 3. Changes on actual numbers and sites of dog bins across Cheltenham over the last 3 years 4. The role of the Community Enforcement officers who work hard to engage with dog owners in prevention and investigation of actual incidents. Their workload is reported to be increasing. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Would provision of more bins free them up to take on other areas of their workload? b. What are the cost implications? 5. Risk assessments on Public Health and Safety which are impacted by dog fouling 6. Provision of dog bins by Parish Councils /Community Associations 	
<p>What do you feel could be achieved by a scrutiny review (outcomes) Much cleaner streets and green areas of Cheltenham An improved service Dog owners express satisfaction with the facilities</p>	
If there a strict time constraint?	No
Is the topic important to the people of Cheltenham?	Yes
Does the topic involve a poorly performing service or high public dissatisfaction with a service?	Yes
Is it related to the Council’s corporate objectives?	Yes – Cheltenham has a clean and well maintained environment
Any other comments:	

Extract from members questions at Council on 25 March 2013

10.	Question from Councillor Penny Hall to Cabinet Member Sustainability Local residents have contacted both myself and other councillors to express their concerns at the increasing amounts of dog fouling on pavements and grass verges. CBC's Enforcement Officers work hard to actively engage with dog owners but to community groups and indeed the our Parish Council more dog bins would improve the problem. They are prepared to offer to donate money to fund the cost of more dog bins. Please can you clarify CBC's policy on Parish Councils/Community groups donating funds to provide dog bins in their locality?
	Response from Cabinet Member Sustainability, Councillor Whyborn. I am aware of numerous complaints in the last few weeks concerning dog fouling, and now that race week is behind us, officers are addressing the question of some additional enforcement. There is an existing policy position on the provision of bins (including dog bins):- Essentially where bins can be funded through Parish Councils/Community groups, it is necessary to ensure that the revenue costs of servicing them can also be met through either existing budgets or new money. In a supplementary question, Councillor Hall asked for clarification on the last sentence of the response. The Leader advised that in this case there was both a capital cost for the installation of the additional bins and thereafter a revenue cost for their collection. If the parish council were prepared to cover both the capital and revenue cost that would not be a problem but if it was just covering the installation, the council may not be in a position to cover the additional revenue cost for emptying them.