# **ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL**

# AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

#### FINANCIAL SERVICES

### 23 JUNE 2022

# FLY-TIPPING SCRUTINY REVIEW

#### 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Fly-tipping scrutiny review was carried out as per the 2021/22 scrutiny plan agreed by the Audit and Scrutiny Committee at their development session on the 27 April 2021.
- 1.2 The Fly-tipping scrutiny panel comprised of Councillor Jim Lynch (Chair), Councillor Freeman and Councillor Vennard with support provided by internal audit officers.
- 1.3 Fly-tipping was chosen for inclusion in our scrutiny priorities for 2021/22 as it had been identified as an escalating national issue with Councils facing considerable costs to clear up the discarded waste.

## 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Committee to agree the Draft Fly-tipping Scrutiny Report.
- 2.2 Committee to agree the most appropriate committee or other Council group for the Fly-tipping scrutiny report to be presented to for consideration.

## 3. DETAIL.

- 3.1 The agreed objectives of the scrutiny review were to:
  - ensure the council's systems record sufficient information to provide an indication of the extent of fly-tipping across the four administrative areas
  - ensure the Council's duty to investigate, clear and take appropriate enforcement action in relation to fly-tipping on public land is appropriately managed
  - ensure there is good collaborative working arrangements in place
  - ensure that the Council's charging structure is fair and proportionate across all businesses.
- 3.2 Throughout this review one panel meeting was held to gather evidence.
  - Panel one Council's Head of Roads and Infrastructure Services and the Operations Manager with responsibility for the Environmental Wardens and Amenity Services

- 3.3 We would like to extend our appreciation for the cooperation and assistance received from all witnesses invited to provide evidence over the course of the review.
- 3.4 Based on the information obtained over the course of the review the panel has identified three findings specific to this review. These are detailed in the report attached as appendix 1.
- 3.5 The report has been discussed with the officers and panel members involved in the review to confirm accuracy and it is now for the Committee to decide whether to approve the report and, if so, to agree the most appropriate committee or other Council group for the Fly-tipping scrutiny report to be presented to for consideration.

# 4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Committee is requested to agree the attached report and agree the most appropriate Committee or other Council group for the report to be presented to for consideration.

# 5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy None
- 5.2 Financial -None
- 5.3 Legal -None
- 5.4 HR None
- 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty None
- 5.5.1 Equalities None
- 5.5.2 Socio-Economic Duty None
- 5.5.3 Islands Duty None
- 5.6 Climate Change
- 5.7 Risk None
- 5.8 Customer Service None

Councillor Jim Lynch Chair of the Fly-tipping Scrutiny Panel 23 June 2022

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Appendices: Appendix 1 – Draft Fly-tipping Scrutiny Report