

## **LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**21 JANUARY 2020**

### **UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRAFFITI POLICY**

#### **1.0 Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To Update Members on the progress on the implementation of the Graffiti Policy for Newark and Sherwood that was adopted earlier this year.

#### **2.0 Background**

2.1 A new Graffiti Policy was adopted by the Council in June 2019 aimed at supporting the Cleaner Safer Greener agenda.

2.2 The Graffiti Policy introduced a new timeframe for dealing with new items of Graffiti, with differing response times for different categories of Graffiti.

2.3 It was proposed to implement the times scales once all the existing graffiti across the district had been removed.

#### **3.0 Introduction**

3.1 The task of identifying, photographing, mapping and removing the graffiti present in the district has taken longer that was initially anticipated. All the graffiti has now been identified, photographed and mapped.

3.2 The Cleansing team has now assessed the graffiti and removal of it is underway. It is anticipated that this take around three months.

#### **4.0 Joint Enforcement**

4.1 Where new items of graffiti are identified officers from the Council are liaising closely with the Police to carry out joint investigations. A large piece of graffiti that recently appeared in Newark has produced number of promising leads as to the identity of the perpetrator.

4.2 In addition, we are working in partnership with other organisations on diversionary art projects and workshops, particularly in relation to murals and public art which make a positive contribution to the area, reflect the community, and discourage tagging. The day of action in Ollerton was one such event where young people produced a new back drop to the Ollerton Skate Park by working with local artist.

4.3 Plans are also well advanced to work with young people in Boughton to create art work on the wood hoardings to the NASH housing development site. The project has been devised by Nottinghamshire County Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council in association with Newark and Sherwood Homes. Local youngsters from Ollerton and Boughton are working with Youth Workers and an artist to devise a theme of local village heritage such as mining.

**5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:**

**The update to the implementation of the Graffiti Policy be noted.**

**Reason for recommendation**

To support the Cleaner Safer Greener agenda and to have in place a Policy for graffiti removal that reflects the current level of graffiti in the district.

**Background papers**

Nil

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