CAB.78 Street Cleansing Task Group Final Report

The Chairman of the Street Cleansing Task Group and Corporate Director of Resources submitted a report to Cabinet detailing the findings and recommendations of the Street Cleansing Task Group. Councillor Moon thanked the Scrutiny Officer, Peter Foulsham, for his support and the Leader expressed his gratitude to all members of the Task Group.

Councillor Walmsley asked whether the council might also consider the use of plain clothes patrols to catch out irresponsible dog owners and the Street Scene Portfolio Holder indicated that the council could look at the possibility of officers undertaking such patrols. The Neighbourhood Services Portfolio Holder thanked Councillor Walmsley for taking the trouble to visit Burnley Council to observe their initiatives with regard to the problem of dog fouling.

Decision taken

For the reasons set out in the report, Cabinet agreed the following recommendations:

1: That the service clearly states and publicises the standards of street cleanliness that the public can expect.
2: That the standards of street cleanliness achieved be published quarterly.

3: That the street cleaning service works closely with Parish Councils, the police, the highways authority and other interested partners in achieving the stated standards of street cleanliness.

4: That communication is paramount; a clearly understood system of communication must be in place in order to ensure that requests from the public are relayed to street cleaning staff swiftly, for speedy resolution.

5: That the public should be made aware of all means by which they can communicate street cleaning issues to the council.

6: That a 24-hour reporting facility for street cleaning matters be developed on the Council's website, and widely publicised.

7: That Wyre demonstrates a highly robust approach to dog fouling, using a combination of publicity, education and enforcement, which is informed by recognised best practice from other authorities.

8: That a review of the implementation of the street cleaning service be undertaken in October 2012.

Cabinet agreed that the Corporate Director of People and Places would be responsible for implementing recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 and that the Corporate Director of Resources would be responsible for implementing recommendations 5 and 6.