

## Warwickshire Waste Partnership

15<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### Draft Street Charter – Waste and Recycling

#### Recommendations

- (1) The Warwickshire Waste Partnership is asked to consider the draft Street Charter for Warwickshire relating to waste and recycling and Warwickshire Waste Partnership is requested to sign-up to the Charter for waste and recycling matters.

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Warwickshire Vision Support and Royal National Institute of the Blind (RNIB) have contacted Warwickshire County Council asking that the local authorities in Warwickshire consider signing-up to a Street Charter.
- 1.2 The RNIB is a membership body which offers support and advice to blind and partially people. Warwickshire Vision Support is an organisation that offers a range of statutory rehabilitation services and voluntary support services to blind and partially sighted people. .
- 1.3 The RNIB has a campaign and report titled 'Who Put That There' which is aimed at improving access to and in the street environment for blind and partially sighted people. This campaign report has been informed by a survey of blind and partially sighted people and identified a number of areas that cause problems for blind and partially sighted people when negotiating the street scene:
- Pavement parking
  - A-boards
  - Inaccessible crossings
  - Bins and recycling boxes on pavements
  - Permanent or temporary street furniture
  - New developments including shared space
- 1.4 The RNIB is calling for three key changes through their campaign:-
- Government to review guidance on inclusive mobility;
  - Local authorities to engage with blind and partially sighted people / groups to develop a street charter that puts a clear highway policy at the heart of their decision-making; and

- Local authorities to review their policies in relation to the six areas, listed in 1.3, which cause concern / problems for blind and partially sighted people.
- 1.5 The Warwickshire Waste Partnership (WWP) is being asked for its views to signing-up to the Charter and is requested to sign-up to the part of the Street Charter relating to waste and recycling only.
- 1.6 A draft Street Charter is attached at Appendix 1. This Charter has been supplied to Warwickshire County Council as a potential template for a street charter that the local authorities could consider signing up to.
- 1.7 The WWP is asked to ensure that waste and recycling activities do not result in the footway being obstructed and is asked to sign-up to the following commitments:
- To make sure that refuse vehicle crews are aware of the importance of storing bins as safely as possible; and
  - To work with residents to encourage bins to be considerately placed and the importance of storing the bins safely.

## 2.0 Comments of the Warwickshire Waste Partnership

- 2.1 Local authorities have been engaged in advance of this report being produced. Some local authority comments are captured in this report and others are to be reported at the meeting on 15 June 2016.
- 2.2 The initial views of Nuneaton and Bedworth Council and Rugby Borough Council are that no issues are seen with signing up to the charter but consultation is need with the Cabinet Member.
- 2.3 The formal position of Warwick District Council, Stratford District Council and North Warwickshire Borough Council will be reported at the meeting.
- 2.4 Warwickshire County Council are supportive of the Street Charter relating to waste and recycling.

## Supporting Papers

1. Appendix 1 – Draft Street Charter

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