

<b>STRONG COMMUNITIES ACTION LIST</b>		
<b>MEETING</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>OFFICER</b>
21st March 2019	Fly Tipping - How many instances of fly tipping have been identified, and the amount of costs retrieved	Dave Jones
	Toilet Strategy - follow up requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assurance that the £17k WG funding is ring-fenced and Councillors have input into how the funding is used.</li> <li>• Monitoring and recording of syringe use - is the log now in place</li> <li>• Follow- up of the suggested blue light system</li> <li>• Previous strategy recommendations had included that planning applications for retail outlets should include toilet facilities.</li> <li>• Caldicot Countryside Park - issues still need to be addressed.</li> </ul>	Dave Jones

### 1. Fly tipping –

Total number of incidents 18/19 (12 months) = 310

Cost recovery 18/19 = £300, one Fixed Penalty Notice

Finding culprits is notoriously difficult. Most have got wise to not leaving any personal details (discarded letters etc.) within the fly tipped material. In 17/18 we successfully prosecuted two cases, with £400 fines and £2,830 recovery of costs. A colleague in Waste & recycling comments as follows –

MCC is a rural county and fly tipping can be hard to find increasing time to find and collect.

The way the service is designed means that the number of recorded incidents is likely to be lower than actual. Crews will pick up fly tipping that has not been reported if they see it when out but may not always record it on the system. Incidents are cleared by others including highways and countryside departments and these may not be recorded and we may not be told.

We cannot easily segregate the actual costs of clearing fly tipping from other waste related activities as the crews are multipurpose, for example, to maintain efficiency and reduce mileage costs, crews may collect fly tipping on a litter bin round.

## **2. Toilet Strategy –**

- The 17K one-off funding has now been received. This will be ring-fenced for public toilet improvements, though noted it won't go too far if structural repairs needed. Officers will link with Members of this committee to discuss best spend, and involve Town & Community Councils that often own and/or manage public toilets.
- Sharps log has been commenced, c/o Jan Baldwin, our Cleaning Manager
- Whether 'blue lights' effective (to deter drug users injecting in toilets) will be considered during the joint discussions on the £17K spend, as above
- Planners advise requesting toilet facilities in all retail outlets is not achievable, as not consistent with national planning advice. A Planning condition needs to be necessary, enforceable and reasonably related to the development proposed. Planning of view that such a requirement would not meet the test for necessity or reasonableness (and possibly enforceability). Toilets are provided in restaurant/sit down food outlets, not general retail. Hence found in Morrisons and not Aldi in Abergavenny, for example.
- Noted Caldicot Countryside Park one of our worst facilities, and would be considered for attention via the £17K grant. Property Services also visiting all toilet blocks so another source of information to prioritise the worst.