

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	25 July 2017
Title:	Open Spaces Working Group – Litter Initiative
Contact Officer:	Graham Hunt, Town Clerk Janine Howells, Asset Manager

Purpose of this Report

1. To provide a verbal / written update on the Litter / Dog Fouling / Byelaws initiative being undertaken by Town Council members of the Open Spaces Working Group (OSWG).

Update

2. Over the years, the Town Council has executed a variety of initiatives to help reduce antisocial littering and dog fouling.
3. There continue to be concerns sporadically raised about the extent of litter and dog fouling in the town. As a result it was agreed that the Open Spaces Working group, while it waits for funding certainty relating to Elms Park improvements, should turn its attention to more general litter, dog fouling and bye law issues.
4. After further circulation of background information, Town Council members of the working group met on 20 April 2017. Notes of that meeting were circulated by mail to Councillors and are attached as Appendix a. The consensus was to concentrate on educational initiatives.
5. A set of 24 potential educational initiatives (appendix b) were circulated amongst the group for prioritisation, with the intention of establishing which 5 to concentrate on.
6. Separate discussions have been held with SODC on the potential implementation of Public Space Protection Orders, which may also assist. Related notes are attached at Appendix c.

Action Required

To note the report.