

TITLE OF REPORT: ALTERATION OF MOTIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 4.8.14 (h) (i), the following motion has been altered to read:

a) Fly-tipping

To be moved by Councillor Sam North and seconded by Councillor Tom Tyson.

The Council notes:

1. Fly-tipping increased in North-Hertfordshire by over 100% between 2012 and 2019. In the last year, fly-tipping in our district has increased by an unprecedented 59% compared with 2019/2020.¹ This situation is mirrored nationally.
2. The new powers the Labour and Liberal Democrat administration gave the council in late 2019 to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to those not disposing of their waste responsibly, which have led to a record number of fines being issued by the council for fly tipping.
3. The excellent work of NHDC officers in stepping up the effort to tackle fly-tipping even under the very difficult circumstances of the pandemic.
4. The concerns raised by residents over the closure, and inconsistent operation, of the County Council's waste and recycling centres during the pandemic, and the impact this has had on residents' ability to dispose of household waste responsibly.
5. The impact that fly-tipping has on the environment, and our rural and urban communities.

The Council resolves:

1. To review its fly-tipping and waste management policies and work with relevant external stakeholders (such as landowners, contractors, the NFU and the Police & Crime Commissioner) to increase this council's and our district's resilience to this crime through a programme of effective communications and preventive and remedial actions.
2. To conduct a review of our bulky waste collection service to ensure it is well known by and accessible to the greatest number of residents, serving as an effective incentive against the use of unlicensed or unscrupulous waste collectors.
3. To request that Hertfordshire County Council reaffirm that waste and recycling is an essential service by pledging not to close Household Waste Recycling Centres except in the direst public health emergency and undertaking to provide alternative solutions to residents and support districts and boroughs in dealing with the consequences of any such closure.
4. To ask Hertfordshire County Council to extend the opening hours of the Household Waste Recycling Centres in North Hertfordshire as it has done for other facilities in the county.

¹ Herts Waste Partnership data as of 4 Jan 2021

5. To continue public information and engagement campaigns on the responsible disposal of waste and deterrence of all fly-tipping, including littering, to support our communities in doing the right thing.
6. To ask Hertfordshire County Council to consider providing an amnesty for private landowners who can take the waste to a Waste and Recycling Centre, on recommendation from district council officers.