

COUNCIL

Tabled Items

Place

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich
SE18 6PW

Date

Wednesday 29 January 2020

Time

7.00pm

Agenda

- 15 Motion - “Stepping up action on litter and flytipping in the Royal Borough of Greenwich”**
Proposed amendment

Date of Issue
28 January
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Proposed Amendment to Item No 15 Motion “Stepping up action on litter and flytipping in the Royal Borough of Greenwich”

In the first line after “borough” **insert**

“while in line with UK urban averages, are still”

After the first paragraph **add**

“Council, however, welcomes the reduction in fly-tipping in Greenwich and the tremendous efforts of our street services staff working in all weathers and often unsocial hours to keep our public realm as pristine as possible. Further, we salute the efforts of our volunteer environmental champions and the new junior environmental champions in our schools working with community groups, friends of parks groups and others to keep Greenwich green and clean.”

In the first bullet point **delete** everything after “fined”

In the second bullet point **delete** “monthly” and **insert** after “borough”

“in the Junior Environmental Champions’ Programme”

After the third sub-bullet point **add**

“continue to support collaborative initiatives such as Love Woolwich and Love Plumstead involving local business, the council and voluntary groups to reduce waste, littering and detritus and improve our town centres and High Streets”

Add two more bullet points

“To continue to support our environment and junior environment champions throughout the year and to raise the profile of the British Spring Clean week across the Borough.”

“Supports the launch of the Adopt a Place scheme to encourage local residents to care for their local street or estate which could include planting, wilding and litter-picks.”

ITEM NO: 15 (proposed amendment)

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If Agreed the motion would read:

Council acknowledges that levels of litter and fly tipping in our borough, while in line with UK urban averages, are still at unacceptable levels.

Council, however, welcomes the reduction in fly-tipping in Greenwich and the tremendous efforts of our street services staff working in all weathers and often unsocial hours to keep our public realm as pristine as possible. Further, we salute the efforts of our volunteer environmental champions and the new junior environmental champions in our schools working with community groups, friends of parks groups and others to keep Greenwich green and clean.

Litter is unsightly, a health hazard both in terms of immediate hygiene as well as the harmful environmental impact of plastics and other non-organic materials on plants and fauna. Litter and fly tipping divert scarce council resources from priority areas. Council resolves to

- Step up action to see those littering and fly tipping fined.
- Involve all schools in the borough in the Junior Environmental Champions' Programme to conduct litter picks and make use of the full range of tools available to them to deter littering and encourage care for our local environment
- Work with local businesses to ensure that every tool possible is utilised to minimise littering and fly tipping - including but not limited to:
 1. wall mounted ashtrays on food and drink outlets
 2. voluntary clean ups of areas outside shops, food and drink outlets
 3. the ability for businesses and individuals to notify the council of businesses and individuals who are fly tipping or leaving waste out overnight.
 4. continue to support collaborative initiatives such as Love Woolwich and Love Plumstead involving local business, the council and voluntary groups to reduce waste, littering and detritus and improve our town centres and High Streets.
- To continue to support our environment and junior environment champions throughout the year and to raise the profile of the British Spring Clean week across the Borough."
- Supports the launch of the Adopt a Place scheme to encourage local residents to care for their local street or estate which could include planting, wilding and litter-picks."