

Motion on Fly Tipping

Councillor Barbara Parry will move and Councillor Cathy Martyn will second:

“Council notes that:-

1. Fly-tipping is defined as the ‘illegal deposit of any waste onto land that does not have a licence to accept it’.
2. Between April 2018 and February 2019, 46.64 tonnes of fly tipped waste was removed during 2,250 separate incidents costing the Council taxpayer approximately £6,000 in disposal costs only per incident (i.e. this does not include collection costs).

Council Recognises that:

1. Fly-tipping causes damage to Swindon's natural environment and wildlife
2. It needs to be easy for people to do the right thing otherwise we will see an increase in fly-tipping.
3. “Your rubbish means YOUR rubbish - it's your responsibility and that doesn't change when you hire someone to take it away for you. If they dispose of it illegally it remains your responsibility”
4. The Council has already embarked on a programme of education and awareness around individual responsibility in a number of ‘hot-spots’ around the town.

Council requests that the Cabinet Member for Highways and the Environment:

1. Prepares a Cabinet Report that considers:
 - Investing in further CCTV and automatic number plate recognition technology (ANPR) to help police fly tipping hotspots.
 - Working towards removing all fly tipped waste, whether hazardous or non-hazardous, in line with Government recommendations.
 - Committing to taking enforcement action against **all** those identified who dump rubbish in this way, without exception.”