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Summary

A Fly-tipping Free Wales conference was held on the 26 November 2012 at the Swalec Stadium in Cardiff. The aim of the conference was to launch the Welsh Governments positions statement on Fly-tipping and to inspire the actions needed to create a fly-tipping free Wales.

During the morning session we had 3 speakers, Chris Mills from Environment Agency Wales. John Griffiths Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development and Roy Noble, Broadcaster. This session also included several videos and an information animation that aimed to highlight the problem of fly-tipping and what is being done to tackle it. If you would like a copy of any of these films please see the link at the end of this document.

During the conference the Minister launched a new consultation that considered how fly-tipping should be dealt with in the future. The Welsh Government's existing strategy in conjunction with the Fly-tipping Action Wales partnership comes to an end in 2012.

The Minister said *"I believe that by dealing effectively with fly tipping, we can make a real difference to the quality of life within communities here in Wales. Over recent years we have made good progress and have seen some real successes but the challenge now is to build upon that success.*

"The consultation I am launching today explores how we can work effectively to achieve a fly-tipping free Wales. We recognise that no one organisation can achieve this alone and that is why I am inviting comments and ideas from all our partners so we can make this policy work for Wales. "

Chris Mills, Director of Environment Agency Wales, the body responsible for coordinating Fly-tipping Action Wales which brings over 50 organisations together, said: "Fly-tipping is a problem that affects us all in Wales. Despite considerable efforts from all the organisations involved, there were more than 36,000 reported cases of fly-tipping last year, that's an average of one fly-tipping case every 15 minutes in Wales. "

"With the most recent clean-up costs reported to be topping more £2.1 million each year, we are holding this conference with the Welsh Government to look at further

ways of tackling the problem. We welcome the Minister's consultation and we hope the outcomes of the conference will prove invaluable in determining the way forward."

Before we broke for lunch we had an entertaining and inspiring talk from the Broadcaster Roy Noble.

In the afternoon 4 workshop sessions were held. These aimed to look at how we can work better together to achieve the aims of the Ministers position statement. The workshops covered the following topic areas;

- How can we ensure that fly-tipping is included in all key organisations strategies and work planning.
- How do we ensure that fly-tipping is not tolerated within our communities and becomes socially unacceptable.
- What actions would make it easier for people to deal with their waste responsibly and prevent fly-tipping.
- How do we ensure that anyone who fly-tips is caught and punished appropriately.

The day finished with a Question and Answer session.

Welsh Government Consultation Document

A Fly-tipping Free Wales

This consultation sets out the Welsh Governments new vision for:

A future for Wales that is free from the unacceptable social, economic and environmental harm caused by fly-tipping. A future in which we all work together to take responsibility for our waste and to take pride in our communities.

This **consultation** identifies some high level outcomes which will give direction to counter future fly-tipping across Wales. These include:

- All key organisations in Wales commit to eliminating fly-tipping, a commitment that is embedded in their strategies and day to day operations;
- Fly-tipping is widely understood as being socially unacceptable;
- It becomes easier for people to deal with their waste responsibly; and
- Anyone who fly-tips is caught and punished appropriately .

We would recommend that you all take the opportunity to read and comment on the consultation document. This is your chance to influence the Welsh Government and let them know what would make a real difference to helping you to tackle fly-tipping.

Your feedback will be used to help shape the next phase in tackling fly-tipping. It will help ensure the Welsh Government develop the necessary actions to achieve the outcomes and work towards achieving the vision of no fly-tipping incidents in Wales.

The next stage will involve further discussions with key partners and communities to determine the actions needed to tackle fly-tipping.

To comment on the strategy visit

<http://www.wales.gov.uk/environment>

The "A Fly-tipping Free Wales" consultation document is available under 'Updates'

Fly-tipping Action Wales will also respond to the document on behalf of the partnership. We will do this using the comments from the workshop sessions at the conference and also discussions that we will have at our forums during January.

**The deadline for response to this document is 28th
February 2013.**

A Fly-tipping Free Wales – Workshop Sessions

Summary

Four workshop sessions were held, topics covered are detailed below. Each group was asked to record things that were currently going well and not so well in their chosen topic area. Groups were then asked to come up with ideas for progressing their topic area, a priority issue to be progressed was then identified. The following pages provide an accurate record of what was detailed on the flip charts used at the workshops.

Ideas generated during the workshops will be looked at in further detail to see how best they can be progressed. We may need to do more work to further understand the issues before this can happen.

The titles of the 4 workshops together with the priority issue identified within that workshop are highlighted below.

- **Workshop 1 – How can we ensure that fly-tipping is included in all key organisations strategies and work planning.**

Priority issue identified - Need to gather data on private and public land to get fullest picture. Better focus on intelligence led gathering for enforcement and sharing data to get evidence based strategic solutions.

- **Workshop 2 – How do we ensure that fly-tipping is not tolerated within our communities and becomes socially unacceptable.**

Priority issue identified – To challenge social norms and encourage pride in communities.

- **Workshop 3 – What action would make it easier for people to deal with their waste responsibly and prevent fly-tipping.**

Priority issue identified - Education: Make it easier via knowledge and social responsibility.

- **Workshop 4 – How do we ensure that anyone who fly-tips is caught and punished appropriately.**

Priority issue identified - Partnership working for information sharing. Involve others such as Dept of Work and Pensions, Housing depts./associations and police.

Workshop 1

How can we ensure that fly-tipping is included in all key organisations strategies and work planning.

- **Fly-tipping Action Wales workshop contacts – Gary Evans and Gary Inight.**
- **Summary**

This group recognised that we need to influence high level strategies if we are to secure the resources to tackle fly-tipping. However, they also highlighted the fact that if we want to effectively influence organisations we need to have a powerful evidence base. Putting this in place will enable evidence based strategic solutions to be developed. The group chose the following idea as their priority issue to feedback to the full conference;

Need to gather data on private and public land to get fullest picture. Better focus on intelligence led gathering for enforcement and sharing data to get evidence based strategic solutions.

The following information is an exact record of the information detailed on flip charts during the workshop session.

- **Whats happening now positive**

Bulky items collected free of charge.

Voluntary take back schemes e.g white goods.

Associated British Ports – removed some of the offenders fly-tipping short term success.

- **Whats happening now negative**

No statutory duty to deal with fly-tipping, it could drop of the agenda in the current economic climate.

Funding from WG is ad hoc needs to be built into WG priorities (statutory duty).

Lack of consistency across Local Authorities.

Charging business to dispose of waste at household waste recycling centre is economically an 'own goal'.

Not enough education of the public.

Local Authorities not resourced sufficiently to deal with dynamic nature of waste arisings.

Not enough high level strategic buy in.

Householder waste carrier 'Duty of Care' not sufficient as a regulatory tool.

Changes to RIPA authorisations will put off Local Authorities from applying for RIPA's.

- **Your Ideas**

Registered waste carrier system needs a re think.

Need to gather data on private and public land to get fullest picture. Better focus on intelligence led gathering for enforcement and sharing data to get evidence based strategic solutions.

Better partnership with the waste collection industry and Local Authorities access for private commercial waste. Make it easier for people to dispose of their waste.

Get it into the single integrated plans – community strategies.

Less red tape for enforcement action.

Breaking down internal barriers within the same organisation to stop empire building.

Include indicators into sustainable development white paper – could include fly-tipping.

Awareness raising at high level – WG, LA's, not preaching to the converted.

More statutory drivers performance indicators for all organisations.

Workshop 2

How do we ensure that fly-tipping is not tolerated within our communities and becomes socially unacceptable.

- **Fly-tipping Action Wales workshop leads – Norma Greene and Katie Fletcher**
- **Summary**

This group discussed the wide range of projects that are currently working with communities to change attitudes. They covered how best they could change attitudes towards fly-tipping in our communities. They felt that the best way to do this would be by engendering pride in local communities through challenging the social norms and changing perceptions. Not an easy topic to cover in an hours workshop session. The group chose the following idea as their priority issue to feedback to the full conference;

To challenge social norms and encourage pride in our communities.

The following information is an exact record of the information detailed on flip charts during the workshop session.

- **Whats happening now**

Language/cultural issues working with schools and businesses writing slogans in own language.

Clear up adopted by community/events.

Consulting residents open space audit quick fix.

- **Your ideas**

Challenge social norms – Pride in community.

Long term gain/extra education.

Having champions within your area.

Tackle language barriers.

Business – information with rates reminders. Educate Duty of Care, raise awareness that its a criminal offence, strong education in the community.

Change perception of whose rubbish it is.

Offering rewards and incentives.

Stronger education within community.

Publicity campaign, campaigns at different levels. Different media an comms routes, tackle language barriers.

Making it easy for people to know where to go to report and get rid of waste.

Name and Shame.

Encourage people to challenge and support, support for people who challenge.

Workshop 3

What actions would make it easier for people to deal with their waste responsibly and prevent fly-tipping.

- **Fly-tipping Action Wales workshop leads – Daron Herbert and Steve Parkinson**
- **Summary**

This group discussed how the provision of facilities impacted the levels of fly-tipping in Wales. It was felt that there were gaps in provision however discussion turned to the issue of educating the community to make the best use of the facilities that do exist. The group chose the following idea as their priority issue to feedback to the full conference;

Education: Make it easier via knowledge and social responsibility.

The following information is an exact record of the information detailed on flip charts during the workshop session.

- **Whats happening now positive**

Good practice in private sector – CEG Newport – Free tip for segregated materials.

Progress made in Wales re recycling rates.

The work of Keep Wales Tidy – community engagement re: education and campaigns.

Some Local Authorities are proactively looking for additional sites for civic amenity facilities.

- **Whats happening now negative**

No where for business of waste and high cost££.

Lack of education for business and householders.

Charges for bulky waste collections.

Collections are too infrequent.

Waste disposal is too expensive both in terms of time and money.

Inconsistency across Wales.

Not enough household waste amenity sites in the right location.

The types of waste accepted eg asbestos is not accepted at all household waste sites.

- **Your Ideas**

Have CA sites open for longer and increase in number

Sites to recycle all possible wastes

Where is waste going, enforcement at planning stage.

Have community skips and mobile CA sites.

Increase access to waste information.

Individual waste carrying licenses.

More frequent waste collections.

Education: Make it easier via knowledge and social responsibility.

Cheaper to dispose of waste.

Set collection dates for bulky domestic items

Greater flexibility for commercial users to use facilities.

Encourage partnerships and links.

Increase types of waste that can be collected at the kerbside.

Workshop 4

How do we ensure that anyone who fly-tips is caught and punished appropriately.

- **Fly-tipping Action Wales workshop leads – Emma Killian and Pam Jordan**
- **Summary**

This group discussed the wide range of different approaches towards enforcement action across Wales. There was lots of good work going on but this was inconsistent across Wales. The group felt that to address this we needed better partnership working and information sharing across a wide range of organisations. The group chose the following idea as their priority issue to feedback to the full conference;

Partnership working for information sharing. Involve others such as Dept of Work and Pensions, Housing depts./associations and police.

The following information is an exact record of the information detailed on flip charts during the workshop session.

- **What's happening now positive**

Many authorities doing some good work, active investigations, good case files and good legal support.

Positive response from public to reporting fly-tipping.

Good intelligence coming in, people are keen to share.

Getting better at recording intel and information.

When a good case is put together, with impact statement etc, and good legal support, it is possible to get good results.

- **What's happening now negative**

Most authorities not taking any prosecutions – Inconsistent.

Fly-tipping enforcement isn't statutory.

Fly-tipping often at the bottom of the list of objectives/priorities.

Not much scrutiny of enforcement action taken.

Not enough funding, this will get worse with coming cuts.

Not enough political will.

Witnesses wish to remain anonymous so difficult to progress an investigation.

Sharing intelligence is not easy.

Inconsistency with how LAs view/deal with fly-tipping.

Politics makes it hard for partners to use the same database.

Not enough support given to private landowners.

Some LAs don't take fly-tipping on private land as seriously as if it were on public land. Officers investigating fly-tipping have other duties too i.e. littering/dog fouling, so not enough time.

Section 9 statements not being completed as well as they should be, showing different elements including costs, land type (i.e. SSSI), etc. Community impact statements aren't always used.

Case files aren't being packaged in the right way to show impact etc to magistrates, so getting low fines.

PNC not being updated by LA legal teams, so offenders criminal history is unknown (could be a repeat offender, in which case the recommended action could be increased), bad character.

- **Your ideas**

Partnership working for information sharing. Involve others such as Dept of Work and Pensions, Housing depts./associations and police.

Scoping exercise to identify barriers within individual LAs to securing a successful prosecution.

CCTV in hotspot areas.

Revocation of a waste carriers licence and vehicle seizure following a conviction.

Give the court what they want/need.

Use of anti-social behaviour orders.

Waste carrier registration per vehicle not person.

Other sentencing options i.e disqualification/points on licence.
Community payback.

Positive perception of the crime. Publicise the conviction and make people aware that LA is tackling the crime.

Appropriate fine for the crime – Take vehicle/proceeds of Crime.

Inform DWP and HMRC of undisclosed earning from the activity.
Resources commitment.

Efficient investigations.

Correct reporting mechanisms T.D.P. VRN - to – LA.

Previous convictions disclosure as norm pre-sentence stage.

LA taking the lead and funding a dedicated police officer to patrol.

Question and Answer Session

A Question and Answer Session was held with 5 panel members. Adrian Jones, Welsh Government, Mike Shaw, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, Louise Tambini, Keep Wales Tidy, John Hogg, Environment Agency Wales, Steve Brown, Environment Agency Wales.

Questions were invited from the delegates, and these are summarised below. Where the questions were unable to be answered sufficiently by the panel members they will be passed on to the relevant bodies for consideration.

Question 1, Andrew Walters, Merthyr CBC:- Where is the money going to come from to carry out this work?

Adrian Jones - WLGA need to start working closer together and maybe look at merging and sharing services.

Helen Jenkins, Fly-tipping Action Wales - By working better together we will be able to build up the evidence base to show that we need more funding. This won't happen over night but by adopting this way of working we can get more funding.

Question 2, Peter Howells, NFU:- Are we going to see a different approach to dealing with fly-tipping when Natural Resources Wales is formed.

Steve Brown/Dr Madeline Harvard (Board member Natural Resources Wales) Difficult to speak for a body that hasn't yet been formed but it is an exciting opportunity to do things differently. We will see a more integrated approach with joint outcomes.

Question 3, Daron Herbert, Environment Agency Wales:- Why do people feel the need to fly-tip, Should we look at better provision.

Mike Shaw - There is an overwhelming desire to understand the evidence – needs to be an intervention to match what the problem is. The large majority of fly-tipping is household waste but this fly-tipping isn't necessarily done by the householder.

Question 4, Leighton Case, Neath port Talbot CBC:- Why don't Environment Agency revoke carriers licenses for people who have been prosecuted for fly-tipping.

The questioner outlined problems with the current registration system and said that much needed to be improved upon. Steve Brown from the Environment Agency agreed to look into this particular case to understand better what had happened.

Sharing of Videos

During the conference we shared with you 3 videos and a short information film. These are available for you to use within your organisations. You can download them from;

Infographic

<https://docs.google.com/open?id=0ByCzRDx7mntWRWRqZ05ZLWMzQVU>

Enforcement & Information Gathering

<https://docs.google.com/open?id=0ByCzRDx7mntWVGRpNIBJOXhIV2s>

Private Landowners

<https://docs.google.com/open?id=0ByCzRDx7mntWekgzbXA4THc2d1E>

Making a difference in communities

<https://docs.google.com/open?id=0ByCzRDx7mntWSk9uY2Zlb3E4eW8>

It would be great if you could share these as widely as possible to help to raise the profile of fly-tipping within your organisation.

Keeping in Touch

- We will provide you with regular updates on the work of Fly-tipping Action Wales through a bi-annual newsletter.
- Topic/working groups may be established where necessary to progress ideas generated at the workshops.
- Regular Fly-tipping Forums will continue to be held.

You can also keep up to date at;

www.flytippingactionwales.org



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Some examples of press coverage for the conference.

Linking up to rid country of fly-tipping

A CONSULTATION has been launched to help find new ways of tackling the problem of fly-tipping in Wales.

The consultation was announced on Monday during a joint conference between the Welsh Government and Fly-tipping Action Wales, held at the Swalec Stadium in Cardiff.

More than 36,000 cases of fly-tipping were reported in Wales last year – an average of one fly-tipping case every 15 minutes.

And the problem is believed to cost the more than £2.1m each year to clean up in Wales.

In his speech, Environment Minister John Griffiths set out his vision for Wales to be free from fly-tipping.

He said: "Fly-tipping is a serious crime.

"Not only is it a dreadful eyesore, it can also pose a real danger to people living locally,

and it is far too common in some of our more deprived urban areas and remote rural areas.

"I believe that by dealing effectively with fly-tipping, we can make a real difference to the quality of life within communities here in Wales.

"Over recent years we have made good progress and have seen some real successes but the challenge now is to build upon that success.

"The consultation I am launching explores how we can work effectively to achieve a fly-tipping free Wales.

"We recognise that no one organisation can achieve this alone and that is why I am inviting comments and ideas from all our partners so we can make this policy work for Wales."

Chris Mills, director of Environment Agency Wales, the body responsible for co-ordinating Fly-tipping Action

Wales, said: "Fly-tipping is a problem that affects us all in Wales.

"Despite considerable efforts from all the organisations involved, there were more than 36,000 reported cases of fly-tipping last year, that's an average of one fly-tipping case every 15 minutes in Wales.

"With the most recent clean-up costs reported to be topping more £2.1m each year, we are holding this conference with the Welsh Government to look at further ways of tackling the problem.

"We welcome the minister's consultation and we hope the outcomes of the conference will prove invaluable in determining the way forward."

The consultation will run until February 28 next year.

Visit <http://wales.gov.uk/consultations/> to access the full consultation.

Crackdown planned on fly tipping

FLY-tipping could be stamped out under new plans unveiled by the Welsh Government to tackle the issue.

Last year there was an incident of fly-tipping in Wales every 15 minutes, according to the Environment Agency Wales.

At a joint conference between the Welsh Government and the Fly-tipping Action Wales partnership, the environment minister, John Griffiths, launched a consultation into how the issue should be dealt with once the Welsh Government's existing strategy comes to an end this year.

Despite considerable efforts from the organisations involved, there were more than 36,000 reported cases of fly-tipping last year, said Chris Mills, director of Environment Agency Wales, the body which co-ordinates more than 50 organisations to try to bring an end to fly-tipping.

"With the most recent clean-up costs reported to be topping more than £2.1million each year, we are holding this conference with the Welsh Government to look at further ways of tackling the problem," he said.

"We welcome the minister's consultation and we hope the outcomes of the conference will prove invaluable in determining the way forward."

Four outcomes have been put forward: that all key organisations in Wales will commit to eliminating fly-tipping; that it is socially unacceptable; that people can deal with their waste more effectively; and anyone who fly-tips is caught and punished appropriately.

The consultation will run from November 26 this year

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Minister hosts conference to address fly-tipping problems

A CONFERENCE is set to take place to address issues of fly-tipping across Wales.

John Griffiths, Minister for Environment and Sustainable Development, will outline his vision for tackling the problem through Fly-tipping Action Wales.

According to latest statistics, a total of 36,000 fly-tipping cases have been identified on public land in Wales between April 2011 and March 2012. The figures equate to more than four cases per hour and have resulted in a £2.1m clean-up cost for taxpayers.

The one-day event will be attended by more than 50 organisers from 22 local authorities, in addition to private sector companies.

A variety of initiatives have been rolled out by Fly-tipping Action Wales since it was established in 2007 to help encourage householders, landowners and businesses get rid of waste safely, legally and responsibly.

Clean-up events have taken place to unite neighbourhoods in the fight against fly-tippers and in innovative

GPS surveillance technology has been trialled in the South Wales Valleys to track fly-tippers.

Rhian Iwan, SW Wales coordinator for Fly-tipping Action Wales, said: "The upcoming conference is an opportunity to join in on key discussions around achieving a common goal – to stamp out fly-tipping."

"Fly-tipping is a serious, fast-moving crime that affects us all. This blight on our beautiful landscapes, towns, cities and villages also harms our environment and wildlife, can affect house prices and would threaten the future economic prosperity of Wales by deterring business investment."

"By taking a joint approach to tackling the problem, we've already made significant progress but there is still work to be done."

"We urge key decision and policy makers to join the partnership in creating a future for Wales that will be fly-tipping free."

The conference will take place at Cardiff's Swalec Stadium between 10.30am and 3.30pm on Monday, November 26.



■ A conference is set to take place with Environment Minister John Griffiths to address issues of fly-tipping in Wales