

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

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ITEM 5 – QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION FROM SIOBHAN DIILLON TO COUNCILLOR M WYATT

There are places in Coleorton that regularly get used for fly tipping. Usually, once reported the Street Cleaning team remove the rubbish within 5 days and are very reliable in this regard. However, when a tip contains potentially hazardous material, such as asbestos, external contractors are required and the time for pick up is not clear.

Currently, Coleorton has a tip of such material, reported on 23/07/2025, still remains there and there has been not communication with the Street Cleaning team to inform when the tip will be cleared. This is attracting more tipping in the area. I also understand that at least one other parish is having a similar issue.

What are the arrangements and expected processes made with the external contractor and the District for these fly tips?

REPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR M WYATT

I fully acknowledge the frustration caused by the delay in the clearance and lack of communication from the Street Cleansing Team in this particular location. Unfortunately, recent staffing sickness and a shortage of qualified HGV drivers to operate the necessary machinery have placed significant pressure on our services. As a result, we have had to prioritise household waste and recycling collections, which has regrettably impacted on our ability to respond to fly tipping as promptly as we would like.

For this report we are liaising with our contractor to confirm its removal, and we have been advised this will be completed by Friday 19th September

In terms of the process for fly tipping reports:

- Fly tips reported on public land are investigated for evidence that could lead to prosecution of the perpetrator.
- The District Council works with an external contractor for hazardous removals, but availability is subject to resource constraints.
- Communication between teams is usually coordinated through scheduled updates, but we recognise that this has not been consistent in recent weeks, due to staffing constraints explained above.
- We are actively reviewing our service delivery and contractor arrangements to improve response times and ensure better communication with affected areas.

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ITEM 6 - QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR R SUTTON TO COUNCILLOR M WYATT

‘The Kegworth councillors became aware via Facebook of a letter dated July 8th from this Council to a local business, and signed by Cllr Wyatt, extolling the business as a “shining example of community spirit, environmental responsibility and hospitality” backed up by the statement “I believe your work is already making a difference in Kegworth”.

While good news is always worth celebrating, could he supply a list of all businesses officially commended by the Council in this way during 2025 by members of the Cabinet or senior officers, stating, for future reference, the criteria for selection of those businesses and the Council process leading to the selections and letters, including any ward member, officer, local council or community group involvement at the various stages.’

REPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR M WYATT TO COUNCILLOR R SUTTON

This was a letter sent by myself to the Roadside Café, A6 London Road, Kegworth DE74 2EY in my capacity as the Cabinet Member for Communities and Climate Change to recognise the great work that I had personally witnessed the operator carrying out to keep the area in the vicinity of the café clean and tidy.

I can assure Cllr Sutton that there is no political motive here at all. I just wanted to recognise and acknowledge those in our district who go above and beyond for their community and customers which should be welcomed by everyone.

This is a one-off letter for which there is no criteria and is the only one I have sent to date. I believe the operator put my letter up in the café and posted it on social media which is of course a decision for them.

I am not aware of any other officers of the Council having sent any such letter during 2025.

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