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| Review Title: Urban Gulls |
| Policy Development & Scrutiny Panel: Planning, Transport and Environment |
| Panel Chair and Vice Chair: Cllr Longstaff and Cllr Brett |
| Policy Development & Scrutiny Project Lead Officer: Liz Richardson |
| Supporting Service Officer: Cathryn Humphries, Aled Williams and Sarah Alder |

Process for Tracking PD&S Recommendations - Guidance note for Cabinet Members

The enclosed table outlines all the recommendations arising from the Urban Gulls Policy Development & Scrutiny review. Individual recommendations are referred to the relevant named Cabinet Members (or whole Cabinet in the case of a whole Cabinet referral) as listed in the '**Cabinet Member**' column of the table. Cabinet members are requested to seek help from your relevant service officers within your portfolio to help complete the rationale for your response. Full details of the review have been shared with the relevant officers and they should be in touch to support you to respond. The named member(s) are asked to complete the last three columns of the table as follows:

Decision Response

The Cabinet member(s) has the following options:

- **Accept** the panel's recommendation
- **Reject** the panel's recommendation
- **Defer** a decision on the recommendation because a response cannot be given at this time. This could be because the recommendation needs to be considered in light of a future cabinet decision, imminent legislation, relevant strategy development or budget consideration.

Implementation Date

- For an 'accept' response, give the date that the recommendation will be implemented
- For a 'defer' response, give the date that the recommendation will be reconsidered
- For a 'reject' response this is not applicable so write n/a.

Rationale

Use this space to explain the rationale for your response and implementation date. For accepted recommendations, please give details of how they will be implemented.

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Recommendations of the PTE PDS panel to the relevant Cabinet members for consideration

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| <p>1. Limit gulls' access to food waste</p> <p>1.1 Require all businesses to take responsibility for adequately containing food waste through the use of gull-proof sacks and cooperating with waste collection times</p> <p>1.2 Educate residents on waste and recycling procedures and obligations and assert the use of food caddies or galvanised bins in all cases</p> <p>1.3 Introduce night-time refuse collections to limit the length of time food waste is left on the streets</p> <p>1.4 Pilot red plastic refuse sacks to ascertain whether this discourages gulls from attempting to get waste and, if successful, roll out to all appropriate city residents</p> <p>1.5 Work with owners of guest houses and self-catering holiday apartments to advocate more accessible and better information for visitors about correct disposal of food waste</p> | <p>Cllr Dixon</p> <p>Cllr Dixon</p> <p>Cllr Dixon</p> <p>Cllr Dixon</p> <p>Cllr Dixon</p> | | | |

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| <p>1.6 Work in partnership with the Business Improvement District (BID) to campaign: a) commercial waste collectors to supply gull-proof sacks to all businesses b) businesses to commission responsible commercial waste collectors.</p> | <p>Cllr Dixon</p> | | | |
| <p>2. Increase use of effective gull intervention methods</p> <p>2.1 Urge building owners and/or occupiers to undertake their own egg replacement by providing free replacement eggs and promoting relevant information and advice</p> <p>2.2 Campaign for gull-proofing of new buildings through the B&NES planning application process and planning guidance</p> <p>2.3 Lead by example by treating the council's own buildings with appropriate intervention methods, and share experiences and good practice</p> <p>2.4 Further explore the 'Australia' model of developing nesting areas outside of the city centre, with a view to developing a pilot site if viable. These sites include nesting platforms to encourage nesting in locations where it is easier to oil/prick eggs.</p> | <p>Cllr Dixon</p> <p>Cllr Stevens / Cllr Ball</p> <p>Cllr Dixon / Cllr Bellotti</p> <p>Cllr Dixon</p> | | | |

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| <p>3. Carry out effective enforcement against those who break the rules</p> <p>3.1 Enforce stronger penalties for littering in identified 'hot spots' such as parks, car parks and around outdoor seating area</p> <p>3.2 Broaden use of online and other communications tools by the enforcement team to include recognition of responsible businesses and actively share performance information on penalties and convictions to broadcast a strong message to the public on enforcement against persistent offenders. This will also enable the service to better monitor trends.</p> | <p>Cllr Dixon</p> <p>Cllr Dixon</p> | | | |
| <p>4. Improve education and engagement with businesses, residents and visitors</p> <p>4.1 Plan and deliver a strengthened and consistent communications campaign to educate the public and enforce a more coordinated approach</p> <p>4.2 Provide clear and consistent guidance on individuals' and businesses' rights and responsibilities to tackle urban gulls, through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a 'one-for-all' leaflet with top 10 tips for how to lessen individual and business impact on gull numbers b) specific guidance to target residents, | <p>Cllr Dixon</p> <p>Cllr Dixon</p> | | | |

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| <p>businesses and visitors using the notion of 'respect our city'</p> <p>c) ensuring business and property owners, and residents are made aware of their legal rights and responsibilities under the general licence issued by Natural England</p> <p>4.3 Train food safety officers on options for businesses and building owners to tackle gulls to share whilst on routine inspections</p> <p>4.4 Recognise excellence through new gull champions – those who are passionate about the need to work together to tackle the gull problem and lead by example</p> | <p>Cllr Dixon</p> <p>Cllr Dixon</p> | | | |
| <p>5. Undertake further research and utilise shared learning</p> <p>5.1 Promote and lead a joined up approach to tackling the gull population through development of a cohesive gull strategy that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the true extent of the gull problem and how people suffer as a result • defined rights and responsibilities for the council, the public and businesses • the short, medium and long term vision • an overview of what is already being done • themed objectives and actions for improvement • defined benchmarks for success • timetable for evaluation and review | <p>Cllr Dixon</p> | | | |

