

**REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING**

**TO: WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE**

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To report any new environmental blight sites and provide updates on existing sites.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That members note the report.
- (2) That members report any new environmental blight sites to the Housing, Health and Engineering Manager for inclusion in future reports including a contact name and contact details with a brief description of the site and problem.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To deal with environmental blight in the area.

### **ISSUE**

1. The definition of environmental blight is:
  - Untidy/derelict piece of Council land requiring tidying up.
  - Untidy/derelict piece of unregistered land requiring tidying up.
  - Untidy/derelict piece of **Council-owned or unregistered land** which needs a scheme to regenerate the site (eg a former garage colony converted to a landscaped parking area).

Private pieces of land requiring tidying are best not dealt with under environmental blight as they may require enforcement. These should be reported to Planning and Building Control to be included on the Problem Buildings list for Section 215 enforcement if the problem is persistent.

2. Any new sites should be reported to Tricia Wilson ([tricia.wilson@pendle.gov.uk](mailto:tricia.wilson@pendle.gov.uk)) or Julie Whittaker ([julie.whittaker@pendle.gov.uk](mailto:julie.whittaker@pendle.gov.uk)) including a contact name and contact details, exact location and a brief description of the site and the problem.
3. Plans and photographs of the sites will only be included for new sites unless clarification is needed.
4. Please see table below for progress made on West Craven environmental blight sites.

Site	Owner	Issue	Area Committee Resolution	Current Position
a) Dam Head Road Garage Site	Pendle Council	At the October 2019 meeting, members reported that there was regular fly-tipping at this site	Members asked that the site be tidied and then monitored	Environmental Services continues to monitor the site with regular inspections and clearance when necessary
b) West Close Road Lorry Park	Pendle Council	Site added to Environmental Blight list for monitoring purposes – January 2020	At the November 2021 meeting, the Environmental Services Manager reported that Environment Services were working with LCC looking at the possibility of installing cameras as a means of deterring fly-tipping outside the Housing Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)  At the June 2022 meeting, it was reported that there were still incidences of fly-tipping outside the HWRC. The Environmental Services Manager reported that the site is regularly inspected and that it was hopeful that CCTV would be installed soon	Environmental Services continues to monitor the site with regular inspections and clearance when necessary. They also check the rubbish for evidence of producers  In addition, LCC agreed to contribute £12,000 and the P&R Committee resolved to contribute £12,000 from central funds to resurface West Close Road Lorry Park. The scheme has been put out to tender and a contractor has been selected. Works are due to start end of September

## IMPLICATIONS

**Policy:** None arising directly from the report.

**Financial:** No new financial implications arise from the recommendations in this report. There is no budget allocation specifically for environmental blight sites and therefore any financial implication needs to be met from existing resources.

**Legal:** None arising directly from the report.

**Risk Management:** None arising directly from the report.

**Health and Safety:** These issues will be considered when the schemes are progressed.

**Sustainability:** This will be considered for each individual scheme. Long-term maintenance may be an issue.

**Community Safety:** This will be considered for each individual scheme.

**Equality and Diversity:** This will be considered for each individual scheme.

#### **APPENDICES**

None.

#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.