

To: Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board

On: 6 November 2017

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: **AUDIT, RISK & SCRUTINY ANNUAL PROGRAMME 2017/18 –
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL REVIEW**

1 Summary

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Board held on 26 August 2017, the Convener intimated that Councillor Sharkey had put forward an additional item to be considered by the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board as part of its 2017/18 Annual Programme 2017/18 as detailed in the appendix to this report.
 - 1.2 It was agreed that the proposed additional item be continued to this meeting of the Board in order that Councillor Sharkey could advise Members of the reason this further review should be undertaken.
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2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Board give consideration to including an additional review as item (vii) to the Annual Programme 2017/18 regarding the conversion of grass areas to parking.
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3 Background

- 3.1 The Board at its meeting held on 28 August 2017 agreed that the annual 2017/18 programme of reviews would comprise investigations of (i) fly tipping in the countryside and known fly tipping spots; (ii) Housing repairs by Council and outside contractors; (iii) bus deregulation and its effect on transport services in Renfrewshire; (iv) the newly-introduced speed limit in Brookfield (A761); (v) maintenance of multi-occupancy accommodation; and (vi) the effectiveness of Fair Trade, and that this would be the order of priority in which they would be undertaken. Therefore this request, if agreed, would be number (vii) on the list.
- 3.2 The Board also agreed to receive reports in relation to Japanese knotweed and Council tax exemptions.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - none
2. **HR & Organisational Development** - none
3. **Community Planning** - none
4. **Legal** - none
5. **Property/Assets** - none
6. **Information Technology** – none
7. **Equality & Human Rights**
 - (a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health & Safety** - none
9. **Procurement** - none
10. **Risk** - none
11. **Privacy Impact** - none
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – not applicable.

List of Background Papers - none

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I would like to have the undernoted issue considered by the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Board as part of its 2017/18 annual programme:

Issue:

Many small areas of grass and other plants exist within residential areas, as these should be maintained, but often this does not meet the expectations of residents at the same time many of these areas have parking problems.

Why the review should be undertaken:

To establish if the legal powers exist to allow the conversion of small green areas to parking exists and how best to progress the resolving of parking pressures in established residential areas.

Expected outcome of the review:

A report which details the extent of the problem, a list of locations and cost benefit analysis of savings to the HRA and costs of establishing parking.

Councillor : *J Sharkey*

Date: 20 September 2017