

Overview and Scrutiny (Performance and Growth) Panel – Questions and actions requiring a response.

Minute No.	Item	Councillor	Question	Answer
25/31	Corporate Performance Q1	Cllr Chapman	Is the St Neots Market Square covered by CPE?	Response circulated via email 23.09.2025
25/31	Corporate Performance Q1	Cllr Chapman	Does the Council only remove obscene graffiti?	HDC's Street Cleansing team does not only remove obscene graffiti. The team will seek to remove graffiti from all Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) owned assets, such as bins, signs, and street furniture. Where graffiti is considered obscene, it is treated as a priority for removal in public areas, even if it is not on HDC-owned property. In cases where obscene graffiti appears on privately-owned or non-HDC assets, the council will work with and encourage the property owner to arrange removal, offering advice or support where possible, but the responsibility does not rest exclusively with the council.
25/31	Corporate Performance Q1	Cllr Gardener	What are the sample areas of the District used to assess street cleaning performance?	<p>Street cleansing inspections are carried out by the Street Cleansing Manager, Assistant Manager, and Team Leader, all of whom are trained and accredited to apply the nationally recognised NI195 grading system. This ensures consistent and objective scoring using the "Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A rolling ward-based inspection programme ensures monitoring is spread across all areas of the district. • Sites are chosen to cover a range of land types (housing, retail, industrial, rural roads), where available in each ward. • Around 175–200 inspections are undertaken each month, a substantially higher volume than the former government-mandated NI195 regime, which required only quarterly checks. • Inspections are carried out through the Association of Public Service Excellence (Apse) Land Asset Management (LAMS) system, which records photographs, time/date, and inspector details, providing robust evidence and enabling external benchmarking. <p>1. Scope of Inspections Each inspection assesses a 50m transect of an HDC-owned site against seven criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detritus (dust, soil, grit, natural debris) • Litter (dropped paper, wrappers, bottles, etc.)

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly-tipping (waste larger than one sack) • Fly-posting (unofficial posters or stickers) • Dog fouling (bagged or loose) • Graffiti (on HDC-owned assets only) • Staining/gum <p>Where HDC litter bins are present, these are also assessed. Graffiti and litter observed on land owned by other bodies do not form part of the inspection grading, though inspectors may record them for onward reporting.</p>
25/31	Corporate Performance Q1	Cllr Taylor	Question relating to an individual case	Responded to directly offline.
25/29	Corporate Peer Challenge Update 2025/26 Q1	Cllr Gardener	How will future engagement on the Local Plan will work.	Responded to directly.
25/27	Overview & Scrutiny Work Programme	Cllr Martin	Update on Parking Strategy.	Update to be provided the next meeting on the Parking Strategy.