

# **Motion 14 – Labour amendment**

## **KEEPING ALLEYWAYS CLEAR**

**Proposed by** Councillor Julie McManus

**Seconded by** Councillor Tony Jones

In paragraph 1, insert 'adopted' before 'alleyways'

In paragraph 5, delete text after 'requests that' and replace with

'Cabinet to instruct Council Officers to put in place arrangements to ensure that overgrown vegetation/weeds, standing water are included in a general maintenance programme of all adopted alleyways that it has an obligation to keep clear for waste collection purposes. Council requests Cabinet to instruct Council Officers to consider how unadopted alleyways can be kept clear of rubbish and overgrown vegetation/weeds reporting back their recommendations to the relevant overview and scrutiny committee.'

# Motion 14 – Substantive Motion with Labour amendment

## KEEPING ALLEYWAYS CLEAR

Council notes the Council's obligation to keep **adopted** alleyways and entries free from waste build up in order to maintain free passage for residents who are expected to present their bins for collection at the ends of the alleys. Council notes that if an alleyway becomes unpassable with a wheelie bin, it is impossible for residents to place their bins as required by the Council. Council notes that Biffa is engaged to keep the alleyways clear of rubbish such as fly tipping via a regular cleanse.

However, Council notes that rubbish is not the only impediment to residents seeking to present their bins as required and that overgrown vegetation/weeds, standing water due to blocked drains and fly tipping can also serve to make alleyways impassable. Council therefore requests that **Cabinet instruct Council Officers to put in place arrangements to ensure that overgrown vegetation/weeds, standing water are included in a general maintenance programme of all adopted alleyways that it has an obligation to keep clear for waste collection purposes. Council requests Cabinet to instruct Council to Officers consider how unadopted alleyways can be kept clear of rubbish and overgrown vegetation/weeds reporting back their recommendations to the relevant overview and scrutiny committee.**