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| <b>Title of meeting:</b> | Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment                     |
| <b>Subject:</b>          | Graffiti Progress Report  |
| <b>Date of meeting:</b>  | 16 March 2023   |
| <b>Report by:</b>        | James Hill - Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services |
| <b>Author</b>            | Roy Goulding - Head of Community Safety                               |
| <b>Wards affected:</b>   | All   |

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**1. Requested by** Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment, Cllr Barrett

**2. Purpose**

To update the Portfolio Holder on the progress since funding has been made available to tackle graffiti on private buildings and other non-Portsmouth City Council owned assets.

**3. Information Requested**

- 3.1. The responsibility for removing graffiti is with the landowner. PCC is responsible for removing graffiti from its own land and buildings.
- 3.2. In January 2021 a budget was identified to contribute towards tackling graffiti across the city on private buildings and non-Portsmouth City Council (PCC) owned assets.
- 3.3. Members felt that action to remove graffiti by private owners needed focus particularly considering a concern about the growth in parts of the City of graffiti tagging and the blight caused in communities.
- 3.4. The process is led by the community warden team who will receive reports of graffiti across the city, undertake the investigation as to the landowner and then make contact to arrange removal of the graffiti. Once permission has been obtained the community warden team will contact the Green and Clean team who have cleaning operatives, appropriate equipment including a jet wash and

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chemicals who will then remove the graffiti. There are some areas that require painting over and the team will also carry out these works where appropriate.

- 3.5. A challenge has been and continues to be PCC obtaining permission from the landowner to remove and/or cover graffiti on private land. There are several sites where that work is still in progress. There have been over 100 sites that have had the graffiti removed and or painted over (Appendix 1).
- 3.6. The budget covers the cost of the Green and Clean operatives and materials used.
- 3.7. In addition to Green and Clean undertaking these works the community wardens will remove graffiti in some cases and have access to graffiti wipes and spray cans that they use particular in the case of utility cabinets across the city.
- 3.8. Graffiti can be a blight in the city so in addition to having a process to remove it there is work being undertaken to identify the perpetrators as to what is classed as criminal damage. Therefore, CCTV is being utilised to try and identify those responsible and there was a recent example that an individual identified for graffitiing in the Isambard Brunel car park was fined and paid a £300 fixed penalty notice. There are a number of other images and footage of individuals responsible for graffiti recorded by CCTV and we continue to try and identify them with support from our partners.
- 3.9. There is a challenge that a number of sites have had graffiti reappear since its removal and new graffiti/ taggers appearing. Therefore, there is access to a number of redeployable CCTV cameras that are being used at these sites.
- 3.10. The Community Warden and Green and Clean teams continue to tackle this issue and encourage members of the public to contact the Safe. Clean Tidy team to report any concerns by reporting on-line or calling 0800 0853840.

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Signed by James Hill - Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services

**Appendices:** 1. Graffiti removal/painted over

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

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**Appendix 1 - Private Sector Graffiti removal locations.**

|                        |  |                                    |
|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Devonshire Avenue      | Cardiff Road                                     | Bevis Road                         |
| Oxford Road            | Stirling Street                                  | Good Companion pub                 |
| Chaucer House          | Cornwallis Crescent                              | Moorings way                       |
| Commercial Road        | Highland Road                                    | Phoenix blinds, Milton Road        |
| Toby Street            | Devonshire Avenue                                | Rowans Hospice, Fratton Road       |
| Belmont Street         | Shore Avenue                                     | Toby Street                        |
| Burrfields Road        | Fitzherbert Road                                 | Harcourt Road                      |
| Highland Road          | White Hart Road                                  | Guildford Road                     |
| Milton Barn            | St Marys Road                                    | Wimbledon Park Centre              |
| Kings Road             | Cottage Grove                                    | Nancy Court                        |
| Grosvenor Street       | Stanley Avenue                                   | London Road                        |
| Cornwallis Crescent    | Algiers Road                                     | Memorial Square                    |
| Bradford Road          | Portsmouth Academy                               | Somerstown Fire Station            |
| Litchfield Road        | Palmerston Road                                  | Winston Churchill Avenue           |
| Charlotte Street       | Locksway Road                                    | Greetham Street Halls of residence |
| Tonbridge Street       | Winston Churchill Avenue                         | Speakers Corner, Southsea x 2      |
| Blackfriars Road       | Esso garage North End                            | Crasswell Street x 2               |
| Albert Road            | North End Avenue                                 | Spice Island Inn                   |
| Gatcombe Park          | Stamshaw School                                  | Harbour School                     |
| Mile End Road          | Manners Road                                     | Havant Street                      |
| Tangiers Road          | Fawcett Road                                     | Gunwharf                           |
| Henderson Road         | Alexandra Park athletics track, Sea Defence wall | Boxalls Bathroom Centre            |
| Richmond Place         | Manners Road                                     | Collingwood Road                   |
| Jack Cockerill Way     | Big Yellow elf storage, Rodney Road              | Napier Road                        |
| Norway Road            | Palmerston Road                                  | Trafalgar Place,                   |
| Scott Road             | Coburg Street                                    | Rowans Hospice, Fratton            |
| Waterloo Street        | Tesco Crasswell Street                           | St Andrews Road                    |
| London Road            | Slindon Road Post Office                         | Goldsmith Avenue                   |
| Stanley Street         | St Marys Road                                    |                                    |
| Stamshaw Road          | Hayling Avenue                                   |                                    |
| Fawcett Road           | Asda Petrol Station                              |                                    |
| Byerley Road           | Kingston Road Esso station                       |                                    |
| Charles Dickens Street | Manners Road                                     |                                    |
| Ethel Road             |  |                                    |
| Brookfield Road        |  |                                    |
| Alver Road             |  |                                    |

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