

Report for: Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement PDG

Date of Meeting:	23 September 2024
Subject:	Quarter 1 Environment and Enforcement Performance Report
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Josh Wright- Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement
Responsible Officer:	Matthew Page - Head of Performance, People and Waste Luke Howard - Environment and Enforcement Manager
Exempt:	N/A
Wards Affected:	N//A
Enclosures:	None

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation(s)

This report provides a quarterly update on key environment enforcement performance data including fly tipping, littering, Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) and the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs). It also gives a brief summary of Car Parking performance and the issuing of Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs).

Recommendation(s):

That Members note this report.

Section 2 – Report

- 1.0 This report provides an overview of the Environment and Enforcement service performance during quarter 1 of the 2024/25 financial year.
- 1.1 The Environment and Enforcement service has been focused on assisting Bin It 123 compliance. With side waste no longer being collected, the service has been engaging with residents in problematic areas to determine root cause issues. This has resulted in the service providing advice and assistance to residents relating to storage of waste receptacles, placement of waste, fly tipping and littering.
- 1.2 Engagement with residents has been mostly successful and the service is seeing significant improvements in areas where previously issues seemed to continuously reoccur. The hot spot area projects are very labour intensive, however, the positive benefit justifies the resource allocation.

2.0 Car Parking

- 2.1 Car parking during Quarter 1 2024/25 has been consistent and the service has maintained daily patrolling of the council assets. User base has been steady with the service seeing positive income compared to Q1 2023/24.

2.2 Car Parking income Quarter 1

	Machine	Ringo	Total
Q1 2024/25	£146,940.35	£97,772.00	£244,712.35
Q1 2023/24	£146,240.55	£55,586.35	£201,826.90

2.3 Penalty Charge Notice Issuance

Quarter 1 (April-June)	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
PCNs issued	1	466	447	682	715

3.0 Environmental Enforcement

- 3.1 The service focus on assisting Bin It 123 has resulted in some positive community changes towards waste. These tactics have resulted in areas having significantly less waste and litter in situ. The service interaction has been one of education and support rather than enforcement at this stage.
- 3.2 The service has used “nudge” tactics such as signage and letter drops to highlight key issues and reaffirm the authority will not tolerate littering or fly tipping in communities. These tactics have resulted in positive behavioural change, leaving the service to focus attention on those members of communities who continue to disregard environmental law.

3.3 Performance Statistics Environmental Enforcement

Quarter 1	2023/24	2024/25
Patrols Conducted	73	71
FPNs Issued	15	11
Dog Fouling/PSPO	0	1
Littering	12	2
Fly Tipping	3	4
Abandoned Vehicle	1	4

3.4 Whilst there has been an evident reduction in littering and FPNs issued, there have been small increases in PSPO instances, Fly Tipping and Abandoned Vehicles.

3.5 Fly Tipping Statistics

	Fly tips			
	April	May	June	Total
2023/24	55	34	27	116
2024/25	43	40	45	128
Diff	-12	6	18	12

3.6 Fly Tipping has seen a slight increase in received reports during the last quarter. It is felt that this is likely due to increased confidence in the service from members of the public that action will be taken following reports rather than an increase in fly tipping instances generally across the District.

3.7 Abandoned Vehicle Statistics

Total Reported	123
Not Abandoned/Gone	99
Action Required	24
Moved by owner after notice	17
Removed by MDDC	7
Fixed Penalty Notices issued	5 (2 vehicles picked up from contractor by owners)
Outstanding reports	0

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report.

Legal Implications

The Authority has a statutory responsibility to fulfil investigation and enforcement into environmental crimes such as abandoned vehicles, littering, fly tipping and public space protection orders.

Risk Assessment

Risk assessments in relation to the role of District Officer are in place. No further risk assessment is required.

Impact on Climate Change

The report is focused on advising how the service is actively working to reducing environmental crime. This will have a positive impact on climate and the corporate strategy relating to this.

Equalities Impact Assessment

There are no equality issues identified in this report.

Relationship to Corporate Plan

The service development is designed to align with our corporate plan to reduce environmental crime issues within the district.

Section 3 – Statutory Officer sign-off/mandatory checks

Statutory Officer: Andrew Jarrett

Agreed by or on behalf of the Section 151

Date: 12.9.24

Statutory Officer: Maria de Leburne

Agreed on behalf of the Monitoring Officer

Date: 12.9.24

Chief Officer: Andrew Jarrett

Agreed by or on behalf of the Chief Executive/Corporate Director

Date: 12.9.24

Performance and risk: Steve Carr

Agreed on behalf of the Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager

Date: 05 September 2024

Cabinet member notified: Yes

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background papers: None