

Report for: Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement PDG

Date of Meeting:	2 December 2024
Subject:	Quarter 2 Environment and Enforcement Performance Report
Cabinet Member:	Cllr 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, PSPO and the issuing of FPNs. It also gives a brief summary of Car Parking performance and the issuing of PCNs.

Recommendation(s):

Report is for noting only.

Section 2 – Report

- 1.0 This report provides an overview of the Environment and Enforcement service performance during quarter 2 (Q2) of the 2024/25 financial year.
- 1.1 The Environment and Enforcement service have been successful in alleviating challenging waste issues within certain problematic locations in Tiverton. The resilience of the team to engage with residents and resolve issues has been a prominent factor in achieving the results and subsequent change in behaviours.

- 1.2 The service will now look to replicate this success in other areas in the District, where particular waste challenges exist. Members and residents are encouraged to engage with the service to highlight problematic areas.
- 1.3 The service was part of a wider team day event held in conjunction with the Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing service, facilitated by the Environment and Enforcement Manager. The day focused on staff providing ideas, suggestions and challenges within their roles, culminating in a multi team task to build skills and encourage cross service working. The event was very well received, with all those taking part fully engaging with the day.

2.0 Car Parking

- 2.1 Car parking during Q2 has been consistent with the previous quarter and the service has maintained daily patrolling of the council assets. Income is slightly higher than the same period in the previous year.

2.2 Car Parking Income Q2

	Machine	Ringo	Total
Q2 24/25	£159,336.50	£108,060.30	£267,396.80
Q2 23/24	£164,920.35	£76,336.80	£262,892.75

2.3 Penalty Charge Notice Issuance

Quarter 2 (July-Sept)	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
PCNs issued	236	469	664	728	768

3.0 Environmental Enforcement

- 3.1 Several large-scale fly tipping incidents have been investigated and disposed of during Q2. The service was able to obtain evidence from these fly tipping incidents and are working with Devon and Cornwall Police to take enforcement action.
- 3.2 The service has continued to focus on littering offences for those who dispose of one or two black bags. This provides opportunity for offenders to discharge liability by payment of an FPN, which significantly reduces demand on resource time.

3.3 Performance Statistics Environmental Enforcement

Q2	2023/24	2024/25
Patrols Conducted	78	76
FPNs Issued	22	26
Dog Fouling/PSPO	3	1
Littering	15	16
Fly Tipping	3	3
Abandoned Vehicle	1	6

3.4 Fly Tipping has seen a small decrease in received reports over the quarter and removes the trend seen in Q2 of a small increase.

3.5 Fly Tipping Statistics

Fly tip	July	August	September
2023/24	33	31	34
2024/25	32	30	27
Diff	-1	-1	-7

3.6 Abandoned Vehicle Statistics

Total Reported	117
Not Abandoned/Gone	85
Action Required	32
Moved by owner after notice	22
Removed by MDDC	10
Fixed Penalty Notices issued	6
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 undertake 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 in place. No further risk assessment required.

Impact on Climate Change

The report is focussed 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 corporate plan on reducing 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: 19 November 2024

Statutory Officer: Maria de Leiburne

Agreed on behalf of the Monitoring Officer

Date: 19 November 2024

Chief Officer: Stephen Walford

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

Date: 19 November 2024

Performance and risk: Steve Carr

Agreed on behalf of the Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager

Date: 15 November 2024

Cabinet member notified: (yes)

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background papers: None