

**Report for:** **Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement PDG**

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Date of Meeting: 24 November 2025

**Subject:** **Environment and Enforcement Quarter Two Report**

Cabinet Member: Councillor Josh Wright - Cabinet Member for Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement

Responsible Officer: Luke Howard - Environment and Enforcement Manager

Matthew Page - Head of People, Performance and Waste

Exempt: N/A

Wards Affected: N/A

Enclosures:

### **Section 1 – Summary and Recommendation(s)**

This report provides an overview of the Environment and Enforcement service performance for quarter two of the 2025/26 financial year.

#### **Recommendation(s):**

**This report is for noting only.**

### **Section 2 – Report**

#### **1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 During quarter two (Q2) the Environment and Enforcement service has focused on collaborative working, tackling localised challenges and designing enforcement policy to better support and protect our communities.
- 1.2 The service held its second full team day event in September. This brought staff together from the Environment and Enforcement, Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleansing teams and was well received. The day continued to

build strong working relationships and cross service working, with a localised expectation exchange regarding working standards and expectations being created.

## **2.0 Parking Service**

2.1 The parking service has worked at length with the car parking consultation group during Q2. The focus of the group has been on putting forward potential future permit and tariff changes for consideration by the Economy and Assets PDG (Report scheduled to the Economy and Assets PDG on 20<sup>th</sup> November).

2.2 The service is also taking a paper to the same PDG regarding proposals that would help potentially strengthen off street parking regarding St George's Court and Wellbrook Green in Tiverton.

2.3 Parking income during Q2 has remained strong and there has been healthy user take up. Data indicates a higher user base during this period when compared to this same period last year.

### **2.4 Car Parking Income Quarter Two**

<b>Q2</b>	<b>Machine</b>	<b>Ringo</b>	<b>Total</b>
2024/25	£159,336.50	£108,060.30	£267,396.80
2025/26	£149,736.10	£138,454.25	£288,200.35

### **2.6 Penalty Charge Issuance**

<b>Quarter 2 (July-Sept) PCN Issuance</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
PCNs issued	236	469	664	728	768	698

## **3.0 Environment and Enforcement**

3.1 The service has identified several addresses related to waste issues highlighted in paragraph 1.1. Evening patrols identified that waste was being placed out before 6.00pm and residents were made aware. On a second visit no waste was being placed out prior to 7.00pm and the challenges appeared to arise from a few select addresses. Evidence obtained within the waste has allowed the service to identify these individuals and take appropriate action to eliminate the issue.

3.2 Two reports were submitted to the Service Delivery and Continuous Improvement PDG in September and subsequently Cabinet in October 2025 regarding proposals to strengthen Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) in the district. This included an alcohol prohibition order in Crediton and a variation of the dog control order to include Silverton recreational ground.

- 3.3 The service was successful in rehoming three stray dogs during Q2. Two of these were rehomed with the Dogs Trust and the third with a specialist breed rehoming centre.

### 3.4 Enforcement Statistics

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Q2	2025/26	2024/25
Patrols Conducted	73	76
FPNs Issued	32	26
Dog Fouling/PSPO	0	1
Littering	30	16
Fly Tipping	2	3
Abandoned Vehicle	0	6

### 3.6 Fly Tipping reports

- 3.7 The service has seen a marked decline in the number of reports received for fly tipping. A factor in this has included greater triaging of reports to determine those contained on private land as well as out of district boundaries.

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Fly tip	July	August	September
2025/26	27	26	21
2024/25	32	30	27
Diff	-5	-4	-6

## 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 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 priorities to reduce environmental crime and related 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 Officer

**Date:** 12.11.25

**Statutory Officer:** Maria De Leburne

Agreed on behalf of the Monitoring Officer

**Date:** 12.11.25

**Chief Officer:** Stephen Walford

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

**Date:** 12.11.25

**Performance and risk:** Steve Carr

Agreed on behalf of the Corporate Performance & Improvement Manager

**Date:** 11 November 2025

**Cabinet member notified:** Yes

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**Appendix: Exclusion of the press and public from this item of business on the published agenda on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information. (Yes/No)**

## **Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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**Background papers:** None