

Cabinet Meeting Resolution

Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference

**E3088**

**Pilot Scheme to increase enforcement activity for environmental crime**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	5-Sep-18
<b>The Issue</b>	<i>The Cabinet is asked for approval to enter into a pilot scheme with a private sector provider to significantly increase enforcement activity in the District for environmental crime - such as litter dropping, dog fouling and fly tipping.</i>
<b>The decision</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> (unanimously) that the Cabinet agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That the Group Manager for Neighbourhood Environmental Services, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Development and Neighbourhoods to enter in to a 12 month pilot scheme to increase the enforcement of environmental crime throughout the district with the following provision: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the contract is at zero cost to the council</li> <li>b) the contract is flexible to include additional enforcement activity as deemed appropriate</li> <li>c) the providers take a proportionate approach in accordance with the legislation</li> <li>d) that education and awareness raising of the consequences of environmental crime are prioritised</li> <li>e) that if successful, proposals for a more permanent arrangement are developed towards the end of the trial.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	<p>Fixed Penalty Notices are a valuable enforcement tool for dealing with the unauthorised deposit of litter, dog fouling flytipping and specific Duty of Care offences. They help to further the Council's commitment to take enforcement action against those who cause litter.</p> <p>By entering into a contract with a third party provider the Council can significantly increase its enforcement activity in relation to environmental crime as requested by residents, and help to keep the District cleaner and reduce pollution.</p> <p>Cleaner greener healthier communities form part of the Councils key priorities.</p>
<b>Other options considered</b>	<p>To directly employ additional enforcement officers in-house. This option has been discounted due to the increased overhead costs and administrative support that will be required to implement a significant increase in FPN's and to prepare files for prosecution. Outsourcing this function reduces financial risk to the Council whilst increasing capability.</p>

**The Decision is subject to Call-In within 5 working days of publication of the decision**