



# Strategic Planning & Environment

## Overview & Scrutiny

### Agenda

**TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.30 PM**

#### **Conference Room 2 - The Forum**

The Councillors listed below are requested to attend the above meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

#### Membership

Councillor Anderson (Chairman)	Councillor Matthews
Councillor Bateman	Councillor Ransley
Councillor Birnie (Vice-Chairman)	Councillor Riddick
Councillor Fisher	Councillor Silwal
Councillor S Hearn	Councillor Timmis
Councillor Hicks	Councillor C Wyatt-Lowe
Councillor Howard	

#### **Substitute Members:**

Councillors G Adshead, England, Link, McLean, Pringle, Ritchie and Tindall

For further information, please contact Corporate and Democratic Support

## **AGENDA**

### **1. MINUTES**

To agree the minutes of the previous meeting.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest.

### **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTER REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE IN  
RELATION TO CALL-IN**

None.

**6. FLY TIPPING (Pages 3 - 21)**

**7. FOOD HYGIENE SERVICE UPDATE (Pages 22 - 23)**

**8. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 24 - 26)**



Report for:	<b>Strategic Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date of meeting:	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018</b>
Part:	<b>1</b>
If Part II, reason:	

Title of report:	<b>Flytipping</b>
Contact:	<p>Cllr Neil Harden, Portfolio Holder for Community and Regulatory Services</p> <p>Author/Responsible Officer: Nicola Lobendhan ASB Team Leader David Austin – Assistant Director Neighbourhood Delivery</p>
Purpose of report:	1.To provide members with information around enforcement activity relating to flytipping and to highlight some successes locally as well as to provide information on the County wide campaign.
Recommendations	1.That members note the report and can suggest areas where they would like further information or reports on specific areas relating to flytipping.
Corporate objectives:	A clean, safe enjoyable environment Building strong and vibrant communities
Implications:	<u>Financial</u>
'Value for money' implications	Within existing budgets
	<u>Value for money</u> The successful prosecution of flytippers should lead to the reduction in clear up costs incurred by the Council.
Risk implications	None at this stage.

Community Impact Assessment	Not Applicable
Health and safety Implications	Not Applicable
Consultees:	Environmental Enforcement Officers, Environmental projects lead officer
Background papers:	Appendix 1 - Safe and Clean Action Day Report Appendix 2 – Hertfordshire Waste Partnership Flytipping Update Report. Appendix 3 – Press Coverage of Prosecutions
Historical background <i>(please give a brief background to this report to enable it to be considered in the right context).</i>	Flytipping remains an issue in the Borough and the wider County and this report seeks to update Members on progress with regards enforcement in this area.
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	ECP Environmental and Community Protection ASB Anti Social Behaviour EEO Environmental Enforcement Officers PACE Police and Criminal Evidence Act CPNW Community Protection Notice Warning RIPA Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act FTG Fly Tipping Group

## 1) Background

- 1.1 In January 2018, as part of a restructure in ECP, the environmental enforcement officers were moved from the pollution team to the ASB team. There were 3 environmental officer posts, but one member of staff was off long term sick and then subsequently resigned in June 2018. Another environmental officer then successfully applied for a secondment and is now working as an ASB officer until March 2019. This left just one environmental

enforcement officer covering the whole of the borough, dealing with reports of fly tipping as well as abandoned vehicles.

1.2 The team is now up to strength with two new enforcement officers in post, however their training is ongoing and they are currently undertaking the Keep Britain Tidy Enforcement Academy 5 day training course, as well as the police accreditation training.

1.3 The ASB Team consists of one team leader, two ASB officers and three Environmental Enforcement Officers.

Nicky Lobendhan	ASB Team Leader
Kim Ashworth	ASB Officer
Ben Stevens	ASB Officer
Chris Briancon	Environmental Enforcement Officer
Gemma Reid	Environmental Enforcement Officer
Paul Coats	Environmental Enforcement Officer

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## **2) Legislation**

2.1 This move was felt appropriate due to the implementation of the ASB crime and Police Act 2014, and the flexible nature of tools such as the Community Protection Notices, which has already been issued by EEO's.

2.2 Due to the close working relationship the ASB team has with the local police, the EEO's have their own swipe access to the police station and can work more closely with colleagues in the police, which was evidenced on the recent clean-up day in Grovehill on 8th August 2018 (see appendix 1). One EEO is already accredited under the community safety accreditation scheme and the two new staff are awaiting a training date and will be accredited in the near future.

2.3 Community Safety Accreditation is a nationally recognised initiative promoted by the Home Office and the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC). It recognises the contribution that people like neighbourhood wardens, park rangers, local authority officers and security guards make to public safety in the community. It provides the opportunity for organisations to work in partnership with the Constabulary and be accredited with limited policing powers to help them undertake their roles more effectively. By being given targeted police powers, an accredited person is better equipped to deal with issues such as anti-social behaviour, disorder and nuisance, with the potential to address certain issues on the spot without the involvement of police. This has proved to be particularly useful when accessing names and addresses of registered owners for vehicles suspected of fly tipping and also abandoned vehicles through the police national computer. It also provides added protection for officers when carrying out patrols on events such as clean up days.

## **3) Prosecutions and other action since January 2018**

- 3.1 In March 2018 DBC v Puddephat resulted in sum of £1,197 made up as follows; - £350 fine, £35 victim surcharge, £412 officer's costs, £400 legal costs. This was due to a fly tip in a garage block (appendix 3).

- In April 2018 DBC v Girgova (Ida) resulted in a sum of £260 made up as follows; - £80 Fine, £30 victim surcharge and costs of £150.
- In June DBC v Whittle prosecution withdrawn as no longer considered in the public interest as offender currently on remand for murder. Legal aid had been obtained by suspect to defend the prosecution and due to remand status it was very unlikely any fine or costs could be recovered by DBC. The vehicle connected with this fly tip had already been destroyed by another local authority.
- In May 2018 two warrants were issued by Courts in respect of non-attendance by two separate individuals for prosecutions for fly tipping. Currently, the offenders are still outstanding, awaiting arrest by police.
- Since January 2018 we have issued 3 official warning for low level fly tip offences, three fixed penalties have been issued (1 has been paid and 2 are outstanding with time remaining for them to be paid). Two cases are pending PACE interviews.

#### **4) Surveillance**

- 4.1 After completing RIPA training in May 2018 and ensuring that we comply with RIPA requirements, new Covert Cameras with infra-red capability have been ordered so that we can target identified fly tipping hotspots. The cameras will be moved around the borough periodically and this should help identify repeat offenders, that are targeting the more vulnerable rural communities and country lanes. DBC will prosecute offenders where there is available evidence and it is in the public interest to do so. We also have close working relationships with our colleagues across Hertfordshire and neighbouring towns such as Dunstable and information and intelligence about possible offenders is shared at the Herts Fly Tipping Group.

#### **5) Hertfordshire Fly Tipping Group**

- 5.1 DBC are proud to be an active member of the Hertfordshire Fly Tipping Group and have been engaged with the countywide fly tipping campaign, taking part in various meetings and a town centre display to raise awareness of fly tipping,
- 5.2 The Herts FTG campaign has been nominated for both a Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee award and an Association for Public Service Excellence award as well as already winning a Keep Britain Tidy and Adept Award earlier in the year. Officers will give a short presentation at the meeting on the key elements of this campaign.
- 5.3 Attached as Appendix 2 to this report is an update from the Hertfordshire Waste partnership which gives further information on flytipping trends across the County of Hertfordshire.

#### **6) The Future**

- 6.1 Currently fly tips are reported through to waste services based at Cupid Green. Cupid Green staff will allocate any potential fly tips that may contain evidence to the EEO's. EEO's then have 5 working days to visit the fly tip and investigate to see if any evidence can be found. Since the new staff have joined, fly tips are being visited within 1 working day. Once it has been

established that a fly tip does not contain any evidence and needs to be cleared, Cupid Green will then have 5 working days to clear it.

- 6.2 The Focus for the EEO's moving forward is to ensure we work closely with our partners both within Hertfordshire and in neighbouring authorities to share information and intelligence. This will enable us to look at new and innovative ways of working, using not only our powers under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, but also our powers under the ASB Crime and Police Act 2014.
- 6.3 We have recently had a training day with Barrister David Armstrong from the Mallard Consultancy, that looks at new ways of dealing with Environmental ASB. We are now members of this consultancy and our officers have access to the website which contains templates, advice and information in respect of prosecutions and enforcement.
- 6.4 We will also be using new technology by way of covert cameras and also by trialling the use of mobile devices which enable EEO's to access the database and process inspections and notices whilst out in the district, rather than having to come back to the office to complete data entry.
- 6.5 Discussions are currently under way for a joint operation between EEO's and the local police to carry out a preventative operation, whereby vehicles that are carrying waste will be stopped to check that they have the necessary waste transfer notices, and if they do not, they will be prosecuted. This is something that both the police and the EEO's are very keen to do. We are hoping to have something in place for November 2018.

END



**HERTFORDSHIRE WASTE PARTNERSHIP**

**MEMBERS GROUP  
30<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Item 5: Fly Tipping – Update (updated 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018)**

**Author: Duncan Jones (01992 556150)**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1. To update the Group with respect to the latest developments relevant to fly tipping.
- 1.2. This report should be read in conjunction with:
  - Item 5a – Fly Tipping – Recorded Incidents (master - of 09.05.18)
  - Item 5b – HWP Summary 2017/18
  - Item 5c – FTG Prosecutions Log 2017/18 (final)

**2. FTG Work Programme April 2018 – March 2020**

2.1. The FTG’s second formal work programme started in April this year and includes 7 work streams. The latest updates are shown in Table 1 below:

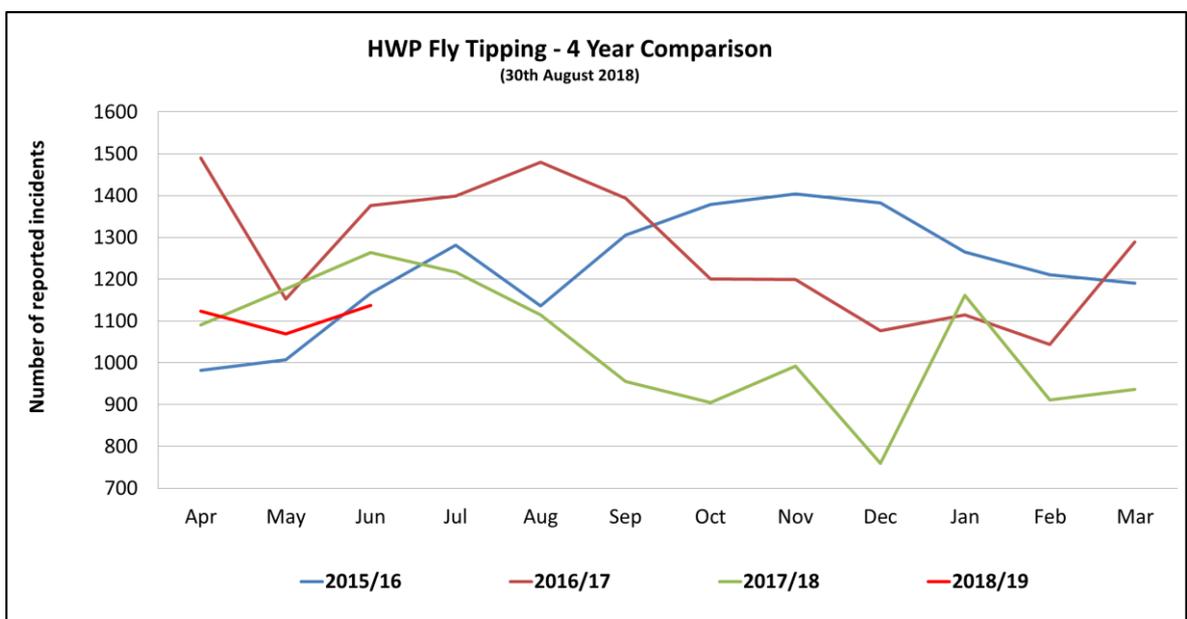
<b>Table 1</b>	<b>Update – as of May 2018</b>
<b>1. Joint Legal Function</b>	<p>The prosecutions log for 2017/18 indicates that Broxbourne and North Herts prosecute the highest number of offenders through the courts.</p> <p>So initial efforts will concentrate on understanding the systems they have in place to achieve this.</p>
<b>2. Working with Magistrates</b>	<p>The report arising from last year’s ‘Working with Magistrates’ survey was considered by the FTG at their meeting in June 2018.</p>

	<p>The second part of this work is to survey Hertfordshire Magistrates to gain their perspective and view on how well the Boroughs and Directors pursue prosecutions for fly tipping. To this end an initial draft survey has been put together based on questions ‘crowd sourced’ from the FTG.</p> <p>The draft surveyed has been circulated to the FTG for final comment. In addition discussions are being held with the OPCC to see if we can ‘test run’ / ‘sense check’ the survey with a small number of Magistrates before launching the proper survey.</p>
<p><b>3. Fly Tipping on Highways</b></p>	<p>In some parts of the County there appears to be confusion with respect to the roles and responsibilities of Boroughs, Districts and the County Council when it comes to clearing fly tipping on both the motorised highway as well as the Rights of Way network.</p> <p>An initial report to explore the issue is being tabled for consideration at the FTG in June which will be followed by further consideration at the HoWG meeting later that month.</p> <p>The intention is to conclude the work stream with a written protocol which defines who responds to fly tipping in set circumstances.</p>
<p><b>4. Communications</b></p>	<p>This work stream is largely underway following the recent launch of the FTG’s fly tipping campaign.</p> <p>The main outstanding action is an audit of each Partner Authority’s website to make sure we are giving out the same guidance when it comes to reporting fly tipping.</p>
<p><b>5. Fly Tipping on Private Land</b></p>	<p>Following the presentation of an initial paper to both the Heads of Waste and Directors Groups earlier this year, feedback from that process has now been discussed with representatives from the Office of the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>As a result the proposed trial removal of fly tipping from private land has been amended to drop the requirement to investigate.</p> <p>The next stage is a meeting between OPCC representatives, the FTG Chairman as well as colleagues from Three Rivers and Broxbourne to discuss implementation of the trial.</p>

<p><b>6. Lobbying &amp; Legislative activity</b></p>	<p>The FTG recent put together a joint response to the recent Defra Waste Crime Consultation which covered changes to exemptions, competent person criteria and proposed FPNs for Section 34 offences.</p> <p>The response was based on work undertaken for the National Association of Waste Disposal Officers which the Partnership Development Manager sits on with special responsibilities for waste crime matters and is a good example of the work and influence of the FTG and wider HWP on the national stage.</p> <p>In similar fashion a response is currently being put together to answer a new consultation on the proposed FPN for Section 34 offences.</p> <p>This latest consultation has arisen as result of the consultation noted above and underlines the importance of local government organisations responding to such opportunities.</p>
<p><b>7. Miscellaneous</b></p>	<p>So far under the context of the current work programme which runs from April 2018 – March 2020 there have been a number of significant developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Select members of the FTG are putting together a dialogue to discuss how Hertfordshire’s public bodies can improve how they share intelligence in order to tackle environmental crime.</li> <li>b) During August select members of the FTG, including the Chairman, the police, the OPCC, then Environment Agency and Welwyn Hatfield BC will be holding a workshop to see how we respond too and therefore might improve our response to serious and organised crime involved in fly tipping.</li> <li>c) On the 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018 the FTG will be hosting a regional workshop on the use of anti-social behaviour legislation as part of a wider legislative tool kit to tackle environmental crime. Given this is a much under-utilised area of law representatives from regional two-tier areas have been invited to attend with a view to running similar workshops in their areas. To date colleagues from Bucks, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk have confirmed their attendance. Representatives from the Country Landowners Association will also be attending.</li> </ul>

### 3. Fly Tipping Statistics 2015/16 'v' 2016/17 'v' 2017/18 'v' 2018/19 so far...

- 3.1. The graph below shows that for the most part the number of fly tipping instances reported throughout 2017/18 reduced compared to both 2016/17 and 2015/16. The graph also includes provisional numbers for April, May and June 2018.
- 3.2. Consequently from April 2016 through to March 2018 fly tipping reduced in 15 months out of 24. The provisional numbers for April show a slight increase whilst the numbers for May and June show further reductions.
- 3.3. In 17 out of the last 27 months since April 2016 fly tipping has reduced. In the last 12 months (July 2017 – June 2018) fly tipping has only increased in January and April 2018.



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3.4. Table 2 below breaks down results for 2016/17 and 2017/18:

<b>Table 2 – comparison from April - August</b>				
<b>Authority</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>%age</b>
Broxbourne	754	686	-68	-9.0%
Dacorum	1,261	1,165	-96	-7.6%
East Herts	1,114	1,083	-31	-2.8%
Hertsmere	800	1,012	212	26.5%
North Herts	925	924	-1	-0.1%
St Albans	1,324	910	-414	-31.3%
Stevenage	4,287	2,468	-1,819	-42.4%
Three Rivers	721	824	103	14.3%
Watford	1,366	998	-368	-26.9%
Wel / Hat	2,664	2,415	-249	-9.3%
<b>Sub totals...</b>	<b>15,216</b>	<b>12,485</b>	<b>-2,731</b>	<b>-17.9%</b>

3.5. As noted above during 2017/18 the number of reported incidents fell by 2731 equating to a 17.9% reduction on 2016/17. Overall, reductions were recorded in 8 of 10 Boroughs and Districts with only Hertsmere and Three Rivers showing net increases compared to 2016/17.

3.6. In Hertsmere the implementation of the FTGs agreed definition of fly tipping appears to have been a factor with increases in Three Rivers partly down to improvements in reporting capability which is allowing enforcement officers to be more productive.

3.7. Consequently the average number of fly tips reported during 2017/18 reduced to 1040 which is below the previous 2 years and puts 2017/18 on a par with 2014/15 as shown in Table 3 below:

<b>Table 3 – Average no. of fly tips per month</b>						
<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19 So far...</b>
856	992	1040	1226	1268	1040	1110

- 3.8. Table 4 below updates the analysis previously presented with the 2017/18 numbers now complete.
- 3.9. The numbers continue to reinforce the point that the vast majority of fly tipping is linked to domestic sources of waste that have 'leaked' from established waste disposal routes.
- 3.10. This is why the FTG campaign focuses on emphasising **Duty of Care** requirements:

<b>Table 4 – Percentage of reported incidents by waste type</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
Animal carcass	0.32%	0.12%	0.04%	0.14%
Green	3.70%	2.85%	2.58%	3.16%
Vehicle Parts	0.81%	0.97%	0.85%	0.94%
White goods	4.59%	6.35%	6.72%	5.81%
Other electrical	1.73%	2.13%	2.07%	2.80%
Tyres	3.04%	1.29%	1.19%	1.63%
Asbestos	0.93%	0.54%	0.41%	0.53%
Clinical	0.14%	0.05%	0.04%	0.05%
Constr / demo / exc	10.50%	9.68%	8.91%	7.20%
Black Bags commercial	0.75%	0.45%	1.14%	1.02%
Black bags household	17.15%	18.80%	17.30%	15.54%
Chemicals, fuel, oil	0.49%	0.41%	0.51%	0.44%
Other household waste	45.13%	49.55%	50.81%	52.82%
Other commercial waste	3.04%	2.81%	2.16%	2.32%
Other (unidentified)	7.67%	4.02%	5.26%	5.60%
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Domestic fly tipping</b>	<b>62.29%</b>	<b>68.35%</b>	<b>68.11%</b>	<b>68.30%</b>

## 5. Enforcement

### Fixed Penalty Notices

- 5.1. 2017/18 saw a significant increase in the use of fixed penalty notices (FPNs) for fly tipping offences under Section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (EPA) with 114 issued during the course of 2017/18 compared to 31 in 2016/17.

<b>Authority</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
Broxbourne	5	19
Dacorum	4	10
East Herts	0	1
Hertsmere	7	22
North Herts	0	0
St Albans	0	4
Stevenage	0	27
Three Rivers	2	2
Watford	10	23
Welwyn Hatfield	3	6
<b>Total...</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>114</b>

- 5.2. As part of the FTG's response to Defra's Waste Crime Consultation earlier in the year the Group supported the idea of introducing a similar FPN for Duty of Care offences under Section 34 of the EPA as a logical extension to the FPNs for Section 33 offences.
- 5.3. Based on the latest Defra consultation the FTG expects the new FPN for Section 34 offences to be introduced before the end of the calendar year and is currently putting a response to Defra on various issues linked to how such an FPN should operate including related issues such as updated guidance for householders.
- 5.4. It is anticipated that North Herts, whilst still favouring use of the courts, will implement their FPN regime sometime during 2018/19 with informal feedback indicating that they will look to align their fines and discounts for early resolution with the rest of the FTG.

## Prosecutions

- 5.5. During 2016/17 the FTG recorded 45 prosecutions for fly tipping.
- 5.6. For 2017/18 the number of people prosecuted was slightly lower at 36. However, this is not unreasonable given the much more significant use of FPNs during 2017/18 which were not previously available as an 'enforcement tool'.
- 5.7. The 2017/18 prosecutions log has been circulated as Item 5c. The log shows that 7 out of 10 Boroughs and Districts secured prosecutions during 2017/18. The log also indicates differences in aspects such as compensation costs indicating further works needs to be done in this area.

## 6. Garden Waste Collection Charges & Fly Tipping

- 6.1. There is currently regular commentary linking increases in fly tipping to the implementation of charges for collecting garden waste. The following looks at the available data to provide further commentary on the issue.
- 6.2. Table 6 below details the number of fly tipping incidents reported as 'Green' on Wastedataflow for each of the Partner Authorities that implemented charging during the period 2015/16 – 2017/18:

<b>Table 6 - %age of fly tips logged as 'Green' on WDF for Partner Authorities that charge for garden waste collection</b>				
<b>Authority</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>Charging Implemented</b>
Broxbourne	4.8%	2.1%	3.4%	April 2017
Three Rivers	4.2%	7.5%	4.4%	July 2016
Welwyn Hatfield	2.1%	2.9%	3.3%	April 2017

<b>Total</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>

- 6.3. Table 6a shows a similar analysis using the same data but this time only for those Partner Authorities that do not charge for garden waste collection:

<b>Table 6a - %age of fly tips logged as 'Green Waste' on WDF for Partner Authorities that <u>do not</u> charge for garden waste collection</b>			
<b>Authority</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>
Dacorum	3.7%	3.6%	2.0%
East Herts	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%
Hertsmere	2.8%	3.8%	5.0%
North Herts	9.1%	6.2%	5.3%
St Albans	3.3%	2.9%	4.6%
Stevenage	1.4%	0.8%	2.0%
Watford	1.5%	1.3%	1.7%

<b>Total</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b>Average</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

- 6.4. The data noted in Tables 6 and 6a would seem to suggest there is only a marginal increase in the amount 'Green' logged as fly tipping in those Partner Authorities who charge for garden waste compared to those that do not.
- 6.5. It is further suggested that the difference is so small that it should not materially impact on any policy decision to charge for the collection of garden waste.

## Dacorum Borough Council prosecute following garage block flytip!



On the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Ms Ida Girgova of St Agnells Lane, Hemel Hempstead pleaded guilty to an offence of failing to comply with Section 34(2A) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

On 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 a DBC Neighbourhood Support Officer responded to a report of flytipping and found 11 sacks of domestic waste dumped in a garage block at the rear of Medway Road, Hemel Hempstead. On closer inspection the Officer retrieved correspondence relating to an address in St Agnells Lane.

A Fixed Penalty Notice for flytipping was issued to the occupant of the address but was not paid. The occupant, Ms Girgova was then issued with a Court Summons but failed to appear and an arrest warrant was subsequently issued and executed. When produced, Ms Girgova pleaded guilty at St Albans Magistrates and was ordered to pay a total of £260, this included an £80 fine, £30 victim surcharge and £150 costs.

Cllr Janice Marshall Portfolio holder for Environmental & Community Protection said,

“The act of fly tipping is a blight on our landscape, the clearance of which ties up valuable resources that could be better used in a more proactive way to improve the look of the Borough. We hope these prosecutions send out a strong message about Dacorum Borough Council’s zero tolerance approach to fly tipping”.

\*In red is Janice’s comment from last flytipping press release

## Dacorum Borough Council prosecute following garage block flytip!



On the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Mr Gary Puddephatt of Stevenage Rise, Hemel Hempstead pleaded guilty to an offence of failing to comply with Section 34(2A) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

On 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 a DBC Environmental Enforcement Officer responded to a flytip report of mixed waste in a garage block in St Agnells Lane, Hemel Hempstead. On inspection the Officer found letters addressed to Mr Puddephatt amongst the waste. A Fixed Penalty Notice was issued but not paid. At Court Mr Puddephatt blamed friends for depositing the waste while helping him move. He subsequently pleaded guilty at St Albans Magistrates and was ordered to pay a total of £1197, this included a £350 fine, £35 victim surcharge and £812 costs.

Cllr Janice Marshall Portfolio holder for Environmental & Community Protection said,

“The act of fly tipping is a blight on our landscape, the clearance of which ties up valuable resources that could be better used in a more proactive way to improve the look of the Borough. We hope these prosecutions send out a strong message about Dacorum Borough Council’s zero tolerance approach to fly tipping”.

## Grovehill Action Day – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August a number of people, had a very early start, in order to undertake a clean-up event for the Grovehill Area. This event was running alongside the Love Your Neighbourhood event which had been organised by Neighbourhood Action from Dacorum Borough Council

A total of 24 people met early in the morning and formed two teams in order to look at environmental issues affecting residents of Grovehill. The teams included 3 local councillors, 4 fire service officers, 3 police staff, Dacorum Council housing staff and Environmental and Community Protection enforcement officers as well as members of the local Church and staff from the Clean Safe and Green team at Cupid Green.

The aim of this operation was to look at environmental issues that could affect the quality of life of people in the locality, aiming to deal with as many of those issues as possible, on the day itself.

The result of this operation speak for themselves

- 3.5 tonnes of fly tipped waste removed
- 2 potential unregistered houses of multiple occupation identified
- 2 community protection notice warnings to be issued on overgrown gardens
- 14 notices served on untaxed vehicles
- 4 vehicles removed due to being untaxed and on the Highway
- 39 Streets litter picked
- 4 damaged utility boxes identified and reported for repair
- One subway underpass given a makeover by young citizens representing Youth Connection Hertfordshire.

A potential Community Protection Warning identified.



Some fly tipping that was discovered and removed on the day



Members of DBC staff litter picking on the clean up day



Dacorum Borough Council strives to provide a clean safe and green environment for people living and working within our Borough, and these operations go some way to showing our commitment to tackle environmental issues that can be a blight on local communities.



# Agenda Item 7



Report for:	<b>Strategic Planning and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date of meeting:	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018</b>
Part:	<b>1</b>
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Title of report:	<b>Food Hygiene Service Update</b>
Contact:	Cllr Neil Harden, Portfolio Holder for Community and Regulatory Services  Author/Responsible Officer: Paul O'Day – Team Leader Environmental Health David Austin – Assistant Director Neighbourhood Delivery
Purpose of report:	1.To provide members with an overview of the Food Hygiene Service.
Recommendations	1.That members note the report and can suggest areas where they would like further information or reports on specific areas relating to the food hygiene service in the future.
Corporate objectives:	A clean, safe enjoyable environment Building strong and vibrant communities
Implications:	<u>Financial</u>  Within existing budgets  <u>Value for money</u>
'Value for money' implications	None at this stage.
Risk implications	None at this stage.
Community Impact Assessment	Not Applicable
Health and safety	The effective operation of the food hygiene service protects

Implications	the community when frequenting food establishments in the Borough.
Consultees:	None
Background papers:	None
Historical background <i>(please give a brief background to this report to enable it to be considered in the right context).</i>	The food hygiene service is one of the critical Environmental health functions that sits within the ECP team. It is a legal requirement imposed by the Food Standards Agency to implement official controls , these include routine food hygiene inspections , revisits, where required enforcement action with the primary focus on the protection of public health.
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	ECP Environmental and Community Protection

**Paul O'Day (Team Leader Environmental Health Team Leader) will give a presentation on the evening of the Committee.**

# Agenda Item 8

Clerk: Sharon Burr

## Strategic Planning and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee: Work Programme 2018/19

***Scrutiny making a positive difference:*** Member led and independent, Overview & Scrutiny Committee promote service improvements, influence policy development & hold Executive to account for the benefit of the Community of Dacorum.

Meeting Date	Report Deadline	Items	Contact Details	Background information
20 November 2018	9 November 2018	Budget Monitoring Q2	Group Manager for Financial Services <a href="mailto:Fiona.jump@dacorum.gov.uk">Fiona.jump@dacorum.gov.uk</a> Assistant Director for Finance and Resources <a href="mailto:Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk">Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	To review and scrutinise quarterly performance
		Environmental Services Q2 Performance Report	Group Manager for Environmental Services <a href="mailto:craig.thorpe@dacorum.gov.uk">craig.thorpe@dacorum.gov.uk</a> Assistant Director for Neighbourhood Delivery <a href="mailto:david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk">david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	To review and scrutinise quarterly performance
		Environmental and Community Protection Q2 Performance Report	Group Manager for Environmental and Community Protection <a href="mailto:Emma.walker@dacorum.gov.uk">Emma.walker@dacorum.gov.uk</a> Assistant Director for Neighbourhood Delivery <a href="mailto:david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk">david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	To review and scrutinise quarterly performance
		Planning, Development and Regeneration Q2 Performance Report	Assistant Director for Planning, Development & Regeneration <a href="mailto:james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk">james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	To review and scrutinise quarterly performance
		Update on the Economic Development service 2017-2018	Assistant Team Leader and Maylands Business Centre Manager <a href="mailto:Lesley.crisp@dacorum.gov.uk">Lesley.crisp@dacorum.gov.uk</a> Assistant Director for Planning, Development & Regeneration <a href="mailto:james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk">james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
		Annual review of CIL	Assistant Director for Planning, Development & Regeneration <a href="mailto:james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk">james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
		Dog PSPO	Assistant Director for Neighbourhood Delivery <a href="mailto:david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk">david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	To provide the results of the public consultation on the PSPO.
4 December 2018	23 November 2018	Joint Budget 2019-2020 <i>Ideally no further items to be added</i>	Group Manager for Financial Services <a href="mailto:Fiona.jump@dacorum.gov.uk">Fiona.jump@dacorum.gov.uk</a> Corporate Director for Finance and Operations	

			<a href="mailto:james.deane@dacorum.gov.uk">james.deane@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
<b>22 January 2019</b>	<b>11 January 2019</b>	Environmental Management System update	Assistant Director for Neighbourhood Delivery <a href="mailto:david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk">david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To provide an update on the ISO 14001 accreditation.</i>
		Car parking standards Supplementary Planning Document	Assistant Director for Planning, Development & Regeneration <a href="mailto:james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk">james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
		Luton Airport update	Assistant Director for Planning, Development & Regeneration <a href="mailto:james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk">james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
		Station Gateway Supplementary Planning Document	Assistant Director for Planning, Development & Regeneration <a href="mailto:james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk">james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
		Air quality action plan review	Assistant Director for Planning, Development & Regeneration <a href="mailto:james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk">james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk</a> Assistant Director for Neighbourhood Delivery <a href="mailto:david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk">david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To commence the process for the review of the Council's Air Quality Action Plan.</i>
<b>5 February 2019</b>	<b>25 January 2019</b>	Joint Budget 2019-2020 <i>Ideally no further items to be added</i>	Group Manager for Financial Services <a href="mailto:Fiona.jump@dacorum.gov.uk">Fiona.jump@dacorum.gov.uk</a> Corporate Director for Finance and Operations <a href="mailto:james.deane@dacorum.gov.uk">james.deane@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	
<b>12 March 2018</b>	<b>1 March 2019</b>	Budget Monitoring Q3	Group Manager for Financial Services <a href="mailto:Fiona.jump@dacorum.gov.uk">Fiona.jump@dacorum.gov.uk</a> Assistant Director for Finance and Resources <a href="mailto:Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk">Nigel.howcutt@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
		Environmental Services Q3 Performance Report	Group Manager for Environmental Services <a href="mailto:craig.thorpe@dacorum.gov.uk">craig.thorpe@dacorum.gov.uk</a> Assistant Director for Neighbourhood Delivery <a href="mailto:david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk">david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
		Environmental and Community Protection Q3 Performance Report	Group Manager for Environmental and Community Protection <a href="mailto:Emma.walker@dacorum.gov.uk">Emma.walker@dacorum.gov.uk</a> Assistant Director for Neighbourhood Delivery <a href="mailto:david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk">david.austin@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
		Planning, Development and Regeneration Q3 Performance Report	Assistant Director for Planning, Development & Regeneration <a href="mailto:james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk">james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	<i>To review and scrutinise quarterly performance</i>
		CSG and Waste annual review	Group Manager for Environmental Services	<i>To present a summary of key</i>

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	Joint South West Herts plan	Assistant Director for Planning, Development & Regeneration <a href="mailto:james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk">james.doe@dacorum.gov.uk</a>	

**Future items:**

- Local Plan
- Water Gardens post project review (part 1 and 2) James Doe
- Building Control (Part 2)