

Briefing Paper for Meeting of Overview & Scrutiny Board 5th April 2011

Introduction of Enforcement & Fixed Penalty Notices within Environmental Services

1. A detailed report outlining the issues relating to the use of enforcement action to tackle environmental problems like littering, dog fouling and fly-tipping was presented to Cabinet on 2nd February. The report outlined the opportunities for improving environmental enforcement within Bromsgrove District. With the addition of an Environmental Enforcement Officer, Bromsgrove District Council will be in a position to continue improving Street Cleansing performance.
2. At that time Members requested further details, in particular a Strategy to set out the Council's aims and objectives in using environmental enforcement and how this work would be carried out. A revised report will be presented to Cabinet on 1st June 2011. As Redditch has undertaken this kind of enforcement activity for a number of years, Members expressed a desire to see this run as a shared service across Bromsgrove and Redditch.
3. A draft joint Environmental Enforcement Strategy has now been produced and is attached for Members' consideration. Also attached is an appendix to the June report which details the level of Fixed Penalty Notices that for the various environmental crimes, and a recommended approach in terms of amounts levied and discount for early payment.
4. Attached are two appendices to the June report for Members' consideration:
 - Joint Environmental Enforcement Strategy for Bromsgrove District Council and Redditch Borough Council (appendix B)
 - Suggested level of Fixed Penalty Notices and discounts for early payment (appendix C)

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