

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE WISE ENFORCMENT PILOT

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide Members with an update on the enviro –crime activity undertaken by WISE as part of the one year enforcement pilot.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 In September 2021 the Committee agreed to a one year enforcement pilot authorising WISE to undertake enforcement activity for a range of environmental crimes, largely under various sections of the Environmental Protection Act 1990. This would cover littering, dog fouling, graffiti, Public Space Protection Orders and fly-tipping.

2.2 The pilot was started in October 2021 and is currently in phase 1 which is the enforcement of Littering and dog fouling.

2.3 Four WISE operatives are currently operating across the district. Weekly meetings take place between officers of the Council and WISE to discuss problem areas and to highlight specific areas for patrols.

2.4 WISE collect and collate a range of indicators and performance measures that are made available to the council. Set out below a number of these that demonstrate their activities to date.

Offence	Number Issued	Cancelled
Bottle	2	
Bottle Top	2	
Chewing Gum	2	
Cigar	1	
Cigarette Butt	613	22
Discarded Food	2	
Dog Fouling (PSPO)	8	1
Fast Food Related	1	
Food Wrapper	3	
Other Litter	5	2
Packaging	5	
Printed Literature	1	
Rolled up cigarette	112	4
Scratch Card	1	
Snack Packs	1	
Totals	759	29

2.5 As can be seen from the table above littering is the most common offence for which fixed penalty notices have been issued. WISE officers have been asked to focus some of their

attention of problematic dog fouling areas. Some fixed penalty notices have been issued for these offences but they are more difficult to witness.

- 2.6 The data collected can also be broken down to illustrate the enforcement actions taken in the wards of the Council. The table below shows this.

Ward	Number issued	Patrol Hours
Balderton North & Coddington	41	29
Balderton South	5	8.5
Beacon	172	124
Bilsthorpe		0.1
Boughton		0.5
Bridge	254	189
Castle	188	191
Collingham		9
Devon	71	42
Dover Beck		0.2
Edwinstowe & Clipstone	1	6
Farndon & Fernwood		26
Farnsfield		0.4
Lowdham		0.2
Muskham	1	33
Ollerton	22	24
Rainworth North & Rufford		3
Rainworth South & Blidworth	1	0.8
Southwell		1
Sutton-on-Trent	3	20
Trent		2
	759	

- 2.7 In the New Year the attention of the operatives will be moved towards those wards that have seen less activity to date. However, it should always be remembered that the areas across the district with highest footfall will always require more enforcement.
- 2.8 The payment rate for the fixed penalty notices that have been issued is currently at 72%
- 2.9 When Members agreed to the WISE pilot project it was to explore very specifically the advantages and disadvantages of a dedicated enforcement role across a relatively narrow set of parameters. In undertaking the trial it was always envisaged that the existing role of the Community Protection Officers would be reviewed and repurposed to better reflect their more holistic approach to community safety, environmental enforcement and emergency response that they provide.
- 2.10 As the enforcement pilot continues the new role of the CPOs will be developed and subject to further reports to the Committee.

3.0 Equalities

3.1 Officers have access to the WISE performance portal and are able to draw down reports across a number of parameters to allow monitoring of the activity across a range of parameters such as age, gender and ethnicity.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION that:

Members are asked to note the enforcement activity of WISE.

Background Papers

Nil.

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