

Title: Waste Enforcement Update  
Lead Officer: Zoë Court  
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Cllr Tracey (interim)  
Wards of the District directly affected: All

### **Background**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee have requested an update following the last update on 7 March 2022. Since then, the proposed merger with Stratford District Council has ended. The plan had been for the Contract Services Team at Warwick District Council to work closely with the experienced officers at Stratford District Council on waste enforcement activities. However, the proposed role within the new structure of an Operational Development Manager was not introduced so the associated tasks in the last report of 'developing enforcement processes for areas such as fly tipping, exploring alternative ways of delivering enforcement including implementation of agreed solutions. This role can report back to the committee by the end of 2022' have not been carried out.

### **Update**

Due to the breakdown of the merger and the work within the Contract Services team Spring/Summer 2022 namely the mobilisation of the new waste contract and the Commonwealth Games, waste enforcement was not able to be prioritised. Although contractors still collect evidence from flytips, and warning letters are issued.

Now the Commonwealth Games is over and waste contract has mobilised the team have reengaged with Rugby Borough Council to re-establish the previous Service Level Agreement (SLA) with them providing support to waste enforcement activities, including issuing fines. They have a dedicated enforcement team, and we hope to have this back in place by January 2023. This would be for at least 12 months whilst the Contract Services Manager conducts an options appraisal on the most effective and efficient way to operate waste enforcement services, this will include looking at outsourcing to a private contractor, extending the SLA will RBC or training and/or recruiting additional officers within Contract Services.

There are 5FTE Area Contract Officers on the permanent establishment but there are currently 3FTE vacancies, although we have 1FTE join the team in the new year. This team are responsible for monitoring the 4 Public Realm Contracts (Waste, Street Cleansing, Grounds Maintenance and Corporate Building Cleaning) this includes dealing with reports of litter, flytipping, waste accumulations, abandoned vehicles.

The Contract Services Manager and Head of Neighbourhood & Assets are exploring whether to use one of the vacancies to create a different type of post like Waste Education/Enforcement to focus on the waste accumulation, flytips and general litter issues the team are trying to tackle in a more initiative-taking way, rather than the current reactive 'firefighting' approach.

Reported flytipping incidences have increased over the last few months (see Appendix 1) and in the new year the Contract Services Manager will have the capacity within their workload to create a districtwide 'Heatmap' to show where the flytips are occurring as previous discussed. This data will be used to look at the potential to install a redeployable CCTV to function as a deterrent.

A further update will follow in early 2023 to the committee.

### Briefing Note Information Sheet

Please complete and submit to Democratic Services with Briefing Note

<b>Committee/Date</b>	6 December 2022	
<b>Title of Briefing Report</b>	Waste Enforcement Update	
<b>Consultations undertaken</b>		
<b>Consultee *Required</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Details of consultation /comments received</b>
<b>Ward Member(s)</b>		
<b>Portfolio Holder WDC &amp; SDC *</b>	25/11/22	Cllr Tracey
<b>Financial Services *</b>		
<b>Legal Services *</b>		
<b>Other Services</b>		
<b>Chief Executive(s)</b>	25/11/22	Andrew Jones
<b>Head of Service(s)</b>	25/11/22	Steve Partner
<b>Section 151 Officer</b>		
<b>Monitoring Officer</b>		
<b>CMT (WDC)</b>		
<b>Leadership Co-ordination Group (WDC)</b>		
<b>Other organisations</b>		
<b>Contrary to Policy/Budget framework</b>		No
<b>Does this briefing note contain exempt info/Confidential? If so, which paragraph(s)?</b>		No
<b>Does this briefing note relate to a key decision (referred to in the Cabinet Forward Plan)?</b>		No
<b>Accessibility Checked?</b>		File/Info/Inspect Document/Check Accessibility