



## Agenda Item 4, Appendix 6

### Overview and Scrutiny Committee 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Title:** Shared Environmental Enforcement with Rugby Borough Council update

**Lead Officer:** Zoë Court

**Portfolio Holder:** Moira-Ann Grainger

**Public briefing note**

**Wards of the District directly affected:** All

Contrary to the policy framework:

Contrary to the budgetary framework:

Key Decision:

Included within the Forward Plan:

Equality Impact Assessment Undertaken:

Consultation & Community Engagement:

Final Decision:

#### **Officer/Councillor Approval**

<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive		
Head of Service	2/11/2020	Julie Lewis
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Monitoring Officer		
Finance		
Portfolio Holder(s)		

**Background**

Overview and Scrutiny Committee have requested an update on the shared environmental enforcement service with Rugby Borough Council. The following information is a summary of work carried out since the last briefing note in September 2019.

**Update**

The team attended two days training on Environmental Enforcement work lead by Mallard Consultancy in November 2019. Since this training, one Public Realm Officer has left the team and two new officers will need this training. The staffing issues that were outlined in the last briefing note have been resolved.

The partnership with Rugby Borough Council was extended to March 2021.

However due to Covid-19, no enforcement work has been carried out since April 2020 and it is very unlikely any will be carried out before March 2021.

There are no open cases with Rugby Borough Council at the moment.

Reported fly tips have continued to be cleared quickly, but crews are not currently looking for evidence.

The team has a new Contract Services Manager and shared Head of Service with Stratford District Council since the last briefing note.

**Environmental Enforcement statistics**

<b>Month 19/20</b>	<b>Fly-Tips Reported</b>	<b>Fly-Tips Evidence</b>
September	134	19
October	121	9
November	101	9
December	96	17
January	127	7
February	112	4
March	118	3
April	109	0
May	120	0
June	168	0
July	154	0
August	112	0
September	132	0
October	109	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1713</b>	<b>68</b>

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	<b>2017 - 18</b>	<b>2018 – September 2019</b>	<b>October 2019 – October 2020</b>
Total number of section 46 notices sent	499	203	86
Total number of section 47 notices sent	61	61	15
Total number of accumulated waste letters sent	18	24	19
Total number of cases passed to Rugby	24	64	0
Total number of cases closed after correspondence	18	48	0
Total number of cases still in progression	6	16	0
Total number of cases issued a FPN	4	8	3
Total number of cases issued a CPWN	2	12	2
Total number of cases issued a CPN	0	3	3

### **Next Steps**

It is still unknown when we will start enforcement activities again, due to Covid-19. New processes will need to be put in place for collecting and securely storing evidence now the team are all working from home.

There may be opportunities to work with Stratford District Council when our arrangement comes to an end with Rugby Borough Council. This will be explored by the new Contract Services Manager.

The team still need further enforcement and training for PACE interviews, the taking of witness statements and preparing cases as outlined in the last briefing note.

To supply the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a further update on shared enforcement with Rugby BC in April 2021.